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**Florida Spine Institute (FSI) Introduces One of Tampa Bay's
Newest and Few Neurosurgeons—Robert J. Kowalski, M.D., M.S.**

TAMPA, FL., August 24, 2009 – Florida Spine Institute is proud to announce the newest addition to its team of world class physicians—Dr. Robert Kowalski, board-certified Neurosurgeon, as of September 1, 2009. Dr. Kowalski received his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering with Distinction from the United States Naval Academy in 1989 and in 1990 completed a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He attended the University of South Florida and received his Medical Degree in 1998. After completing fellowships in both neurosurgery and complex spine surgery from the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Kowalski served as a staff neurosurgeon for the United States Air Force. During his time with the Air Force, Dr. Kowalski achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan. Dr. Kowalski is a member of the American Medical Association, Florida Medical Association, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, North American Spine Society and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons. His areas of interest include minimally invasive treatment of neurological disorders, brain tumors, neck and back pain, including cervical and lumbar disc replacement for motion preservation.

“Tampa Bay currently has a dwindling number of Neurosurgeons, and the welcome addition of Dr. Kowalski to the formidable team of experienced physicians at FSI is a tremendous benefit not only to FSI but also to the entire community of Tampa Bay,” said Kim Dunn, CEO, FSI. Dunn says, “FSI is truly a one-stop-shop for patients in pain, for initial evaluation, to treatment, therapy, and recovery. There are exceptionally few practices who offer this type of specialized solution at one locale, and the addition of Dr. Kowalski cements FSI the premier place for pain management in Tampa Bay.”

FSI is excited to welcome Robert Kowalski, M.D., who has a strong interest in spine surgery. He joins Dr. John Drygas, another neurosurgeon as well as Drs. Scott Webb, and Gordon Holen, both orthopedic spine surgeons, making FSI the only practice in the Tampa Bay area able to offer a comprehensive approach to spine care.

About Florida Spine Institute (FSI):

FSI was established in 1990 and is located in Tampa Bay, Florida. FSI is a unique, diversified team of board certified medical staff and healthcare professionals all in one locale, dedicated to identifying, treating and managing chronic pain. FSI has built a solid reputation as a leader in its field and it treats patients from the Tampa Bay area, across the U.S. and the world. The practicing physicians at FSI include Dr. Francisco Torres, Dr. Luis Figueroa, Dr. Gordon Holen, Dr. Kenneth Botwin, Dr. Scott Webb, Dr. Ashraf Hanna, Dr. Constantine Bouchlas, Dr. John Drygas, Dr. Nabil Gerges and Robert Kowalski, MD. For more information please visit www.floridaspineinstitute.com or call (727) 797-7463

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