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### **Pain Specialists of Charleston P.A., Achieves AAAHC Accreditation**

Charleston, SC – January 2012 – Pain Specialists of Charleston, P.A., has met nationally recognized standards for quality health care and recently achieved accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

AAAHC Accreditation is determined by an independent, external process of evaluation and distinguishes Pain Specialists of Charleston, P.A., as a facility that provides the highest quality of care to its patients; Only 64 organizations in the state of SC are AAAHC accredited.

“We believe our patients deserve the best and our AAAHC accreditation is proof of that belief,” stated Dr. Edward Tavel, founder and Medical Director of Pain Specialists of Charleston P.A. “AAAHC accreditation is the mark of quality healthcare. When a patient or a referring physician sees our certificate of accreditation, they know that AAAHC has closely examined our facility and procedures. It means we as an organization care enough about our patients to strive for the highest level of care possible.”

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by AAAHC expert surveyors – physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

**Pain Specialists of Charleston, P.A.** is a comprehensive pain management practice founded in 2009. Led by Edward M. Tavel, Jr., MD and his staff of 25+, Pain Specialists of Charleston P.A. treats approximately 15,000 patients annually. Our practice offers Lowcountry patients comprehensive, non-surgical pain solutions including spine injections, medical management, Massage & Wellness and access to the latest medical advances within our Clinical Research program (via our affiliate practice, Pain Research of Charleston). Pain Specialists of Charleston P.A. is a distinguished member of SOCRA and ISIS and accredited by AAAHC.

The **Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care**, founded in 1979, is the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation. AAAHC accredits a variety of organizations including ambulatory surgery centers, office-based surgery centers, endoscopy centers, student health centers, military health care clinics, and large medical practices. AAAHC serves as an advocate for the provision of high-quality health care through the development of nationally recognized standards and through its survey and accreditation programs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as a symbol of quality by third-party payers, medical organizations, liability insurance companies, state and federal agencies and the public.