



## HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP IN SOUTHGATE CREATES NEW SPECIALTY PAIN MANAGEMENT OPTION FOR THE DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY

SOUTHGATE SURGERY CENTER PARTNERS WITH  
DR. DANIEL MEKASHA OF THE MAC PAIN AND SPINE INSTITUTE

**June 1, 2011, Southgate, Mich.** – Southgate Surgery Center announced its partnership with Dr. Daniel Mekasha of the MAC Pain and Spine Institute today -- creating a new pain management healthcare option for the Downriver community.

According to the American Pain Foundation, chronic pain affects more Americans than diabetes, heart disease and cancer combined and is a leading cause of disability in the United States. "Our ultimate goal," says Dr. Mekasha, "is restoring our patients' abilities as productive members of society to lead better lives and enjoy time with their family and friends."

Dr. Mekasha graduated from Wayne State University's School of Medicine, completed his residency at WSU's Detroit Medical Center and his Interventional Pain Medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan. Dr. Mekasha spent a year as instructional faculty at U of M before opening the MAC Pain and Spine Institute. He is board certified in Anesthesia and Pain Medicine and known for his contributions in pain research and the *Pain Physician Journal*.

"We are pleased to announce Southgate Surgery Center's partnership with Dr. Mekasha and the expansion of our services to include pain management," said Linda Phillips, R.N., Administrator of Southgate Surgery Center. "Until now, this level of compassionate, comprehensive treatment for chronic and acute pain was unavailable in the Downriver community. We are proud to offer this much needed option for those seeking relief and comfort."

According to Shari Kabeth, Southgate Surgery Center, R.N., "Pain management is all about individual solutions. Treatment options could include spinal cord electrical stimulation, ablation to put nerves to sleep or blocks to alleviate chronic back pain. Dr. Mekasha will review the patient's medical history and current symptoms and will consult with the patient to determine the best approach to achieve pain relief."

### **About Southgate Surgery Center:**

Southgate Surgery Center specializes in gastroenterology, ophthalmology and beginning June 1, 2011, pain management outpatient procedures. Founded in 1983, it is an independent, licensed, accredited surgical facility that offers: convenience, lower co-pays and personalized quality care with a patient satisfaction rate of 98%. For additional information, please visit: <http://www.southgatesurgery.com> or call (734) 281-0100.