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### **GARDEN CITY HOSPITAL PERFORMS FIRST COAPTITE PROCEDURE IN MICHIGAN PREVENTING STRESS INCONTINENCE**

**Garden City, Mich.** – Jeffrey Schock, D.O., of Tri-County Urologists was the first in the state of Michigan to perform a urethral injection of Coaptite. This unique procedure was performed at Garden City Hospital on May 17. Coaptite Injectable Implant, by Boston Scientific, is a next-generation bulking agent used to treat stress incontinence in women.

Coaptite benefits women who experience stress incontinence by providing additional support in the urethra tissues. It allows them to be confident during everyday physical activities that may result in the loss of bladder control, including coughing, sneezing, standing or exercising. Pelvic floor muscle weakness, the cause of incontinence, may also be related to childbirth or begin around the time of menopause.

According to the National Institutes of Health, stress urinary incontinence is the most common type of urinary incontinence in women. About 50 percent of all women suffer occasionally from the problem, and as many as 10 percent experience frequent leakage.

With Coaptite now being made available, Garden City Hospital can successfully perform the surgery, significantly improving or preventing incontinence.

“I wanted to bring (the procedure) to Garden City Hospital to provide some lasting benefit for our female incontinent patients,” said Schock. “Since I have performed the surgery, my patient said that her lifestyle has totally changed.”

Coaptite was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration in November 2005. It offers improved procedural ease of use, fewer injections and less material volume than that of other approved bulking agents, while also maintaining the durability characteristics of a synthetic product. The tooth paste-like gel is injected into the wall of the urethra. After a few months, a part of the gel vanishes but solid particles remain, bringing the urethra walls closer together.

#### **About Garden City Hospital**

Located in Garden City, Michigan, Garden City Hospital provides comprehensive health care services, osteopathic medical education, and health care related programs to the community at

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