



## **Extremity Healthcare Incorporated (EHI) Joins Upperline Health: Nation's Largest Podiatry Group**

**Nashville, Tenn. (April 26, 2021)** — Upperline Health, a national leader in comprehensive and value-based lower extremity care, has partnered with Extremity Healthcare Incorporated (EHI). Through the partnership, the combined entity is the largest provider of lower extremity care services in the United States with nearly 150 providers across 6 states serving over 200,000 patients annually.

"I am very excited to be adding the doctors from EHI to our value based platform," said Michael King, DPM, Chief Medical Officer at Upperline Health. "These are some of the most respected foot and ankle physicians in the country. EHI was the initial pioneer in bringing the best podiatrists together, and will add great value to our company and patients we all serve."

"Putting EHI and Upperline together will bring podiatry to the forefront of lower extremity medicine on a national level. In addition to our physicians embracing this synergistic partnership, I personally am looking forward to helping Upperline's executive team continue their accelerated strategic growth model" said Dr. David Helfman, CEO of EHI.

Upperline Health's clinical team uniquely comprises several distinguished national leaders in the field including Dr. Michael King (Past-President APMA), Dr. Jeff DeSantis (President APMA), Dr. Chris Reeves (Past-President ACFAS), Dr. Patrick DeHeer (Board Member APMA), among others. Combined with the strength of EHI's physician leaders such as Ira Kraus (Past-President APMA), John Ruch (Podiatry Institute) and Alan Banks (Podiatry Institute), the partnership will bring some of the most respected leaders in the country together under one practice.

"Our approach to comprehensive care and value-based care will combine to change how lower extremity care is provided in the country," said David Thorpe, CEO of Upperline Health. "We are looking forward to bringing our growing team into the forefront of treating high-risk and expensive patients in a way that generates better outcomes at lower costs for the system."

### **About Extremity Healthcare, Inc.**

Extremity Healthcare, Inc. offers a revolutionary model in healthcare management. At EHI, our number one priority is to improve the lives of our patients, doctors, and affiliates, and to create the most efficient group practice environment possible. We achieve this by providing the most advanced, integrated medical care with the highest level of economic efficiency.

### **About Upperline Health**

Upperline Health provides the highest quality integrated lower extremity care to patients in need through a skilled and compassionate team. Upperline Health is building out a network of the top physicians and practices across the country while partnering with health plans and community providers to deliver care in a consistent and high-quality manner.

Upperline Health is one of the nation's largest practices dedicated to lower extremity care with providers in Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana and Tennessee.