



Owens & Minor Will Participate in JP Morgan's Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, January 10, 2006

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 5 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens & Minor's (NYSE: OMI) President and Chief Executive Officer Craig R. Smith will participate in JP Morgan's annual Healthcare Conference on Tuesday, January 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (1:00 p.m. EST). The Owens & Minor presentation will be webcast live and later archived at the following address: <http://www.mapdigital.com/jpmorgan/healthcare06> or at <http://www.owens-minor.com> under the Investor Relations section.

Owens & Minor, Inc., a FORTUNE 500 company headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, is the leading distributor of national name-brand medical and surgical supplies and a healthcare supply chain management company. With a diverse product and service offering and distribution centers throughout the United States, the company serves hospitals, integrated healthcare systems, alternate care locations, group purchasing organizations, the federal government and consumers. Owens & Minor provides technology and consulting programs that enable healthcare providers to maximize efficiency and cost-effectiveness in materials purchasing, improve inventory management and streamline logistics across the entire medical supply chain -- from origin of product to patient bedside. The company also has established itself as a leader in the development and use of technology. For news releases, or for more information about Owens & Minor, visit the company Web site at <http://www.owens-minor.com>.

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