



The Steadman Hawkins Clinic

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VAIL VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER PARTNERS IN STEADMAN HAWKINS CLINIC'S 11TH YEAR OF LOCAL ATHLETIC TRAINER OUTREACH

- **Vail Mountain School Sports Programs Added As Third Eagle County High School Sports Program To Benefit From Athletic Trainers**

VAIL, Colo. –September 18, 2008- The Vail Valley Medical Center (VVMC) will partner in the Steadman Hawkins Clinic's (SHC) 11th year of providing Eagle County high school sports programs with Certified Athletic Trainers for their medical needs. In addition, as in the past, orthopaedic surgeons will be providing on field medical coverage at all home and away football games for Battle Mountain and Eagle Valley High Schools, sometimes traveling as far away as Montrose, Colorado on a Friday night.

Steadman Hawkins orthopaedic surgeon, William Sterett, originally started the Athletic Trainers Program in 1997 to benefit local high school sports programs in Eagle County. 2008 marks the inaugural season for the partnership with VVMC. Teams from Battle Mountain High School, Eagle Valley High School and Vail Mountain School will all benefit from the program this year.

“I feel very fortunate to have our sports teams be new beneficiaries of the Athletic Trainer Program that the Steadman Hawkins Clinic has created,” says Jamie Farquhar, Athletic Director at the Vail Mountain School. “Our student athletes will benefit from preventative procedures at practice and games, initial diagnosis of injuries and rehabilitation, all onsite at Vail Mountain School.”

The program currently offers the services of six Athletic Trainers and seven orthopaedic surgeons from the Steadman Hawkins Clinic. Sports supported by the program include: football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, baseball, track and field, hockey, nordic and alpine skiing. Athletic Trainers from the Steadman Hawkins Clinic will also provide free medical support to Vail Recreation District programs, Ski and Snowboard Club Vail and

Western Eagle County Recreation District programs this year.

“We are very excited to have the partnering support of VVMC,” says Sterett. “They will lend access to additional medical benefits and enhance the already strong orthopaedic medical support we offer the valley’s student athletes.”

“We are proud to partner with Steadman Hawkins to expand the scope of this program,” says John Cassin, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Vail Valley Medical Center. “VVMC is committed to community outreach and the Athletic Trainers program is a great example of that commitment.”

The Steadman Hawkins Clinics have some of the best trained and most experienced physicians in the field of sports medicine and orthopaedic surgery. They are experts at diagnosing and treating orthopaedic and sports medicine problems. In addition, the Clinics’ treatment techniques are on the leading edge, utilizing progressive programs designed to achieve optimal results.

For more information on the Steadman Hawkins Clinic’s Athletic Training Program contact Bryan Diekmann, Director of Athletic Training Services at 970-476-1100 or diekmannb@steadman-hawkins.com.

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