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Baltimore, MD -- **Dr. James P. Higgins** of Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists (GCHS) in Lutherville has been named Chief of **The Curtis National Hand Center at Union Memorial Hospital of Baltimore**. Dr. Higgins, who has been a member of Chesapeake Hand since 2002, immediately succeeds Dr. Thomas J. Graham as the fourth Chief of the program founded by Dr. Raymond M. Curtis more than 60 years ago.

Dr. Higgins is Board-Certified in Plastic Surgery with a Certificate of Added Qualifications Surgery of the Hand. He specializes in complex reconstruction after trauma, microsurgery, vascular disease of the hand, and fractures and disorders of the arm and wrist.

"The Curtis National Hand Center is recognized worldwide for its innovation and excellence in the field of hand surgery," explained **Dr. James P. Higgins**. "I consider myself fortunate to have worked alongside the most talented collection of specialists in the field. I look forward to guiding The Hand Center along our trajectory of continued growth and innovation, while focusing on excellence in patient care, education and research."

Dr. Higgins earned his Medical Degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and completed his Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Residency at the University of Rochester. He is recognized as one of the leading surgeons in the field and is a sought-after national and international lecturer and visiting professor. Dr. Higgins' numerous research studies and clinical trial research projects are published in prestigious peer-reviewed medical journals.

A resident of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Higgins is the recipient of numerous professional awards and honors. He was selected as the 2010 American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery Godina Traveling Fellow, an award given to promising, committed surgeons who continue to expand the field. He has also served as the 2010 Visiting Professorship of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. In addition, Dr. Higgins has twice earned the Microsurgical Case of the Year Award from the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery.

Founded in 1987 and based in Lutherville, MD, Greater Chesapeake Hand Specialists, P.A. focuses on providing successful outcomes for the entire spectrum of problems associated with the hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder. The practice group, which consists of nine full-time physicians, maintains seven satellite locations throughout Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Howard and Talbot counties, as well as Baltimore City. For more information visit www.ChesapeakeHand.com.