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THE KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE NAMES JONATHAN DREZNER TO MEDICAL AND SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Storrs, CT- (July 19, 2011)- The Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) announced today that Jonathan Drezner, MD from the University of Washington will be joining the Medical and Science Advisory Board. The KSI Medical and Science Advisory Board is a group of internationally recognized experts on topics related to preventing sudden death in sport and physical activity. They include physicians, athletic trainers, exercise physiologists, and strength and conditioning specialists. A complete list of the individuals currently serving on the Medical and Science Advisory board can be found at: <http://www.ksi.uconn.edu/about/staff.html>

Jonathan Drezner, MD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington (Seattle, WA). He received his undergraduate degree from Brown University and his medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Tacoma Family Medicine and a fellowship in Primary Care Sports Medicine at the University of Washington. He is Team Physician for the Seattle Seahawks (NFL) and the University of Washington Huskies. His primary research focuses on the prevention of sudden cardiac death in sport, cardiovascular screening in athletes, and emergency response planning for sudden cardiac arrest and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in the school and athletic settings. Dr. Drezner is Director of the National Registry for AED Use in Sports, Senior Associate Editor for the British Journal of Sports Medicine, and 1st Vice-President of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

KSI is housed in the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut. The Neag School of Education houses the department of kinesiology and faculty, which is renowned for being ranked the number one doctoral program in kinesiology for 10 years running. Founded by Kelci Stringer, the KSI is named after Korey Stringer- a Pro Bowl offensive lineman for the Minnesota Vikings who died of exertional heat stroke in August 2001. The mission of the KSI is to provide first-rate information, resources, assistance and advocacy for the prevention of sudden death in sport. KSI serves the needs of active people and athletes at all levels – youth, high school, college, professional and recreational athletes – people who are physically active, and those who supervise and care for these individuals. Components of these services include: consultations, advocacy, education, research, policy changes, and mass-market outreach.

For more information, visit the Korey Stringer Institute's website at <http://ksi.uconn.edu>. Please contact the KSI Chief Operating Officer; Douglas J. Casa, PhD, ATC, FACSM, FNATA for questions and KSI interviews related to this press release (860-486-3624, douglas.casa@uconn.edu).