



NEWS RELEASE:

David Sickles Named COO of Center for Orthotic & Prosthetic Care



David R. Sickles, CPO, C.Ped, was named as the Chief Operating Officer of the Center for Orthotic & Prosthetic Care (COPC) of North Carolina, announced Don Dixon, company president. COPC owns and operates the Duke University Medical Center's department for orthotics and prosthetics, and has a branch office at 1233-A Front St., Raleigh, N.C.

Sickles will be responsible for the day-to-day operating activities, management of 19 employees in the two offices, and further development and expansion of COPC's services throughout North Carolina. COPC also has operations in Kentucky and Indiana, including the orthotic and prosthetic facilities at Kosair Children's Hospital-Louisville, and Shriners Hospitals for Children-Lexington.

Prior to joining COPC, Sickles served as Vice President and Director of Clinical Quality for Creative Orthotics and Prosthetics, Elmira, N.Y. Sickles was the founder of the company in 1985 and was instrumental in that firm's growth from two employees in one office to 70 employees in 10 locations throughout central New York state.

A graduate of Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y., Sickles completed his postgraduate studies in prosthetics and orthotics at New York University. He was certified in prosthetics by the American Board for Certification (ABC) in 1981, certified in Orthotics in 2003, and Pedorthics in 1994. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists (AAOP), and the International Society for Prosthetics & Orthotics (ISPO). Sickles specializes in lower extremities and is certified in C-Leg, Rheo Knee, Harmony Systems, and Myoelectric devices. Sickles has 30 years of experience in the O & P industry, and is looking forward to working with COPC's very experienced staff.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Sickles and his family are relocating to the Triangle area. He and wife, Becky, have two children, Amanda, a student at Mt. Holyoke College, and Robert, who is completing his senior year of high school in New York.