## Hanger, Inc. Collaborates with Global Care Partners in the O&P Field at International Event in Sweden

**AUSTIN, TX- July 23, 2025-** Hanger, Inc. was proud to support the International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics (ISPO) World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden last month, with representatives from <u>Hanger Clinic</u>, the <u>Hanger Institute</u>, <u>Fillauer</u> and <u>Coapt</u> sharing their expertise in a variety of areas with attendees during the multi-day event.

Hanger Clinic Chief Clinical Officer Shane Wurdeman, PhD, FAAOP(D); Vice President of Clinical Affairs Phil Stevens, MEd, CPO, FAAOP; Research Scientist Bretta Fylstra, PhD; Clinical Research Associate and National Orthotics Specialist Eric Weber, L/CPO, FAAOP(D); Vice President and General Manager of Coapt Blair Lock; Fillauer R&D Consultant Robert Radocy; and Clinical Consultant for Fillauer Europe Eric Ramcharran, CPO all shared papers and presented on important topics in the orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) field, including:

- Advancing Measurement in Lower Limb Orthotics: Development, Testing, and Clinical Implementation of the Orthotic Patient-Reported Outcomes Mobility (OPRO-M) Survey Instrument, a presentation on how patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs) can be used to evaluate important aspects of health that may be improved by a lower limb orthosis. Previous PROMs have been used to measure the effects of orthoses but have limitations like a broad population focus, scores that are difficult to interpret, and less relevant content. To address these issues, an interdisciplinary research team developed a new PROM designed to measure mobility of lower limb orthosis users. The development process and collective studies resulted in a PROM that is easy to administer and interpret, psychometrically robust, and targeted to activities of importance to lower limb orthosis users.
- More than Mobility: The Impact of Prosthetic Mobility on Well-Being, Fall Risk, and Employment, which discussed the observed relationships between prosthetic mobility and well-being, injurious fall risk, and likelihood of employment. The symposium also included conversation about the utilization of the 12-item short form of the patient-reported Prothesis Limb Users Survey of Mobility (PLUS-M), which helps measure the cumulative benefits associated with a given intervention.
- Practical Application of Pattern Recognition Myoelectric Control in Powered
   Upper Limb Prosthetics, where attendees learned the practical application of
   pattern recognition myoelectric control, including how this form of machine
   learning acts as a decoder of neurological intent to provide the modern

technological approach to prosthesis control personalization. The course also covered the underlying aspects of artificial intelligence that work to benefit the users' learning process as well as foster the user-clinician relationship.

With more than 3,200 attendees representing 150 countries attending ISPO, it provided an ideal opportunity for Hanger to convene a Global Partners Summit (GPS) event. Held at the newly redesigned and renovated Fillauer Europe headquarters, the GPS united thought leaders, clinicians, and industry experts to address shared challenges, drive the development of innovative care and technologies, and elevate patient outcomes worldwide. By convening global stakeholders for Summits at ISPO and previously at Hanger LIVE in Nashville, Hanger continues to affirm its commitment to fostering collaboration across the global O&P community.

"The Global Partners Summit and ISPO Conference offered the Hanger family of companies and our global care partners a valuable opportunity to come together, exchange insights on healthcare trends, share best practices, and engage in evidence-based clinical discussions," said Hanger CEO Pete Stoy. "These collaborative efforts foster innovation and are united by a common goal: delivering the best possible outcomes for patients."

The panelists at the GPM event included Hanger CEO <u>Pete Stoy</u>, Professor at Jönköping University <u>Nerrolyn Ramstrand</u>, Executive Medical Director at Ottobock North America <u>Andreas Kannenberg</u>, and Executive Vice President at Össur, <u>Gudjon Karason</u>, who along with moderator <u>Jessika Broström</u>, CEO of Lindhe Xtend, created a dynamic space where attendees were able to freely share ideas and connect on potential collaborations that can improve the patient experience.

Hanger, Inc. looks forward to continuing to collaborate with its global partners on innovative initiatives and programs that advance the O&P field.

About Hanger, Inc. – Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Hanger, Inc. is a leading provider of orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) patient care services and products. The company operates as an ecosystem of diversified companies delivering complementary solutions to individuals and providers with O&P needs, and is organized in two business segments – Patient Care and Products & Services. Through its Patient Care segment, Hanger provides comprehensive, outcomes-based O&P services to individuals of all ages at more than 925 <a href="Hanger Clinic">Hanger Clinic</a> locations nationwide. Through its Products & Services segment, Hanger serves the broader O&P community and skilled nursing facilities through designing and distributing branded and private label O&P devices, products and components, providing consulting services, and offering post-acute rehabilitative solutions. Rooted in clinical research, excellence, and innovation, Hanger is a purpose-driven company focused on empowering human potential. For more information, visit corporate.hanger.com.

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