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**ROY SPRADLIN ELECTED TO ADDITIONAL POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY**

DECLARES THREE-FOR-TWO STOCK SPLIT

Houston, TX – May 23, 2001 - U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (Nasdaq National Market:USPH) today held its annual meeting of shareholders and quarterly meeting of directors. At the meetings, Roy Spradlin, President and Chief Executive Officer, was elected Chairman of the Board, succeeding J. Livingston Kosberg who will remain as a director and consultant to the Company.

Speaking of Roy Spradlin, Mr. Kosberg stated, "Roy has been instrumental in the Company's growth and profitability over the past seven years. Under Roy's leadership, we have grown from 35 physical therapy clinics to a current total of 149. His superb performance and leadership skills have generated increased respect and recognition within the healthcare community as well as the investment community, which in turn has enhanced shareholder value."

Mr. Spradlin added, "The entire U.S. Physical Therapy team owes a great debt of gratitude to Livingston for his vision, insight and leadership. He and the other founders of the Company pioneered the development and implementation of an original healthcare services business model involving forming business partnerships with the most capable physical therapists in their respective communities, helping them build a successful practice, and then sharing in their clinics' professional and financial rewards. The success of the model speaks for itself. We intend to continue pursuing the model as an independent company."

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, the Board declared a three-for-two stock split in the form of a 50% stock dividend. Mr. Spradlin noted that the Company's goal of increasing the number of shares available for trading had been partially accomplished even prior to today's announcement of a three-for-two stock split through the Company's two-for-one stock split in January 2001 and sales of stock by a former director. The Company anticipates further shares becoming available for trading through additional sales by some of the Company's officers and directors.

The newly issued shares will be distributed on June 28, 2001 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 7, 2001. Fractional shares will be paid in cash. The transfer agent for the share distribution will be Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 2 Broadway, New York, New York 10004. Continental's telephone number is: (212) 509-4000.

This press release contains forward-looking statements (often using words such as "believes", "expects", "intends", "plans", "should" and similar words), which involve numerous risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements as a result of certain risks, uncertainties, and factors, which include, but are not limited to:

- * general economic, business, and regulatory conditions;
- competition;
- federal and state regulations;
- availability, terms, and use of capital; and
- weather.

Please see the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission for more information on these factors. Management undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as the result of actual results, changes in assumptions, new information, future events, or otherwise.

U.S. Physical Therapy and its partners currently operate 149 outpatient clinics in 30 states and manage six PT facilities for third parties.

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