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U.S Physical Therapy Strengthens Management Team

Houston, TX – October, 10, 2003 – U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (NASDAQ National Market: USPH) announced today that Chris Reading will join the Company as Chief Operating Officer and that Glenn McDowell has become a regional Vice President of Operations. Mr. Reading has served as senior vice president of operations of HealthSouth Corporation where he has been responsible for over 200 facilities located in 10 states. Until recently, Mr. McDowell oversaw the western division of ambulatory services for HealthSouth Corporation.

Roy Spradlin, U.S. Physical Therapy’s Chief Executive Officer, said “Chris and Glenn are significant additions to our team as we take U.S. Physical Therapy to the next level in our growth strategy. Chris Reading has directed operations with over \$250 million in annual revenue. Chris’ responsibilities have included all aspects of operations including delivery of clinical services, new program development, contracting, strategic planning, management training, and compliance as well as managing partnerships and joint ventures. Glenn McDowell has over 20 years of professional experience and most recently managed over 165 outpatient rehabilitation and other facilities.”

Mr. Reading graduated with high honors from the Medical College of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy.

Mr. McDowell received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from SUNY at Stony Brook and a Bachelor of Arts in Science and History from Lycoming College.

About U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.

Founded in 1990, U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. operates 230 outpatient physical and/or occupational therapy clinics in 35 states and manages five physical therapy facilities for third parties. The Company's clinics provide post-operative care for a variety of orthopedic-related disorders and sports-related injuries, treatment for neurologically-related injuries, rehabilitation of injured workers and preventative care. Named for three consecutive years in Forbes Magazine's Best 200 Small Companies List, U.S. Physical Therapy is included on the Russell 2000 and Russell 3000 Indexes.

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