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**U.S. PHYSICAL THERAPY SETS 2002 TARGET AT 35 TO 40 MORE CLINICS**

**Repurchases 135,000 Shares**

HOUSTON, TX – January 30, 2002 - U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (Nasdaq National Market:USPH) today announced that it plans to open between 35 and 40 more outpatient physical therapy clinics in 2002.

“Consistent with the original 2001 target for new clinic openings, we opened 30 new clinics last year, including eight in the fourth quarter,” stated Roy Spradlin, Chairman, President & CEO of U.S. Physical Therapy. “We have set the target higher for 2002 as we believe that there is a plentiful supply of high caliber therapists available to operate new clinics and our existing therapist partners have identified a number of new satellite opportunities near their original clinics. Based upon identified opportunities, depending upon lease negotiations and construction constraints, the Company expects to open up to nine new clinics in the first quarter of 2002.”

The Company also reported that it repurchased 135,000 shares of common stock in the fourth quarter at an average price of \$14.36 per share. The Company’s Board of Directors authorized the purchase of up to 1,000,000 shares on September 25, 2001. As there is no expiration for this Board authorization, additional shares may be purchased from time to time in the open market or private transactions depending on price, availability and the Company’s cash position.

Separately, the Company reported that it will issue its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2001 on Thursday, February 28, 2002 before the market opens. Management will conduct a conference call at 10:30 am Eastern Time/9:30 am Central Time. Interested parties may listen to the live webcast and/or the replay at U.S. Physical Therapy’s website: [www.usphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.usphysicaltherapy.com) - in the Investor Relations section.

About U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc.

Founded in 1990, U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. operates 162 outpatient physical and/or occupational therapy clinics in 31 states and manages six PT 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. In addition to owning and operating clinics, the Company manages several physical therapy facilities for third parties, including physician groups. Named for two 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. More information is available at [www.usphysicaltherapy.com](http://www.usphysicaltherapy.com).

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- ?? 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.

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