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## **IMS Helps Instruments of Mercy Assist Volunteer Surgeons in Haiti Repair of Surgical Instruments Provided at No Cost**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – January 19, 2010 – Surgeons embarking for Haiti to assist earthquake victims can have their surgical devices refurbished prior to departure at no cost through the non-profit organization Instruments of Mercy, Inc®.

“We’ve heard reports of surgeons having to use rusty instruments and hacksaws to amputate limbs,” said Gene Robinson, founder of Instruments of Mercy and CEO of IMS, a surgical instrument management and consulting company that supports Instruments of Mercy. “We want to help the surgeons who are leaving now and in the coming weeks ensure their surgical instruments are in excellent operating condition.”

To assist surgical teams, Instruments of Mercy will secure repair, at no charge, for flexible endoscopes, rigid endoscopes, power equipment, stainless instruments, and laparoscopic and specialty instruments.

**For More Information:** If you are a surgeon or surgical team member planning to volunteer in Haiti, contact Toney Peer, Director of Instruments of Mercy, at [toneypeer@instrumentsofmercy.org](mailto:toneypeer@instrumentsofmercy.org) or 205.913.6032.

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**About IMS** – IMS is a surgical instrument management and consulting company offering management and repair of surgical instruments and devices, real time management data and tools, and consulting and implementation in the surgical suite and sterile processing department. More than 2,500 healthcare facilities throughout the United States partner with IMS. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., with repair facilities in Florida, Alabama, and Arizona, IMS ensures instruments are ready when the OR and GI teams need them.

**About Instruments of Mercy** – Instruments of Mercy, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to ensuring the instruments used for medical mission trips are in proper working condition. Instruments of Mercy also provides ongoing surgical instrument repair for Mercy Ships, an international charity that provides 7,000 surgeries per year onboard the world’s largest non-governmental hospital ship.