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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>J P MORGAN CHASE &amp; CO</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>270 PARK AVE</u> <u>35TH FL</u>  (Street) <u>NEW YORK</u> <u>NY</u> <u>10020</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HANGER ORTHOPEDIC GROUP INC [ HGR ]</u>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/22/2003</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
7% Redeemable Preferred Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$16.5	12/22/2003		S		26,500	12/22/2003	(5)	Non-Voting Common Stock	1,606,060 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$1,403.39	1,381 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Indirect Nature <sup>(1)</sup>

Explanation of Responses:

1. The amounts shown in Table II represent the beneficial ownership of the Issuer's equity securities by J.P. Morgan Partners (BHCA), L.P. (JPM BHCA"), a portion of which may be deemed attributable to the Reporting Person because it is the sole stockholder of (x) JPMP Capital Corp. which is the general partner of JPMP Master Fund Manager, L.P. ("MF Manager"), the general partner of JPM BHCA and (y) Chatham Ventures, Inc., the limited partner of JPM BHCA. The actual pro rata portion of such beneficial ownership that may be deemed attributable to the reporting person is not readily determinable because it is subject to several variables, including the internal rate of return and vesting within JPM BHCA and MF Manager.
2. The Company is entitled to require the 7% Redeemable Preferred Stock to be converted into non-voting common stock on or after July 2, 2002, if the average closing price of the common stock for 20 consecutive trading days is equal to or greater than 175% of the conversion price.
3. These shares were initially convertible into 1,606,060 shares on non-voting common stock of the Issuer. However, accrued and unpaid dividends on the 7% Redeemable Preferred Stock will have the effect of increasing the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the 7% Redeemable Preferred Stock.
4. These shares were initially convertible into 83,697 shares of non-voting common stock of the Issuer. However, accrued and unpaid dividends on the 7% Redeemable Preferred Stock will have the effect of increasing the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the 7% Redeemable Preferred Stock.
5. There is no expiration date.

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.  
/s/ Jeffrey Walker  
\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

12/22/2003  
12/22/2003  
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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