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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Max E. Link, PH.D. joins Amedica board as Chairman**

SALT LAKE CITY, UT, October 10, 2003 – Amedica Corporation announced today that the Board of Directors has elected as its new Chairman, Dr. Max Link, the recently retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Centerpulse. Amedica's outgoing Chairman, Mr. Peter D. Meldrum, will remain active on Amedica's Board of Directors.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Max Link as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of Amedica," said Ashok Khandkar, President and Chief Executive Officer of Amedica. "Dr. Link's extensive background and experience in both the orthopedic and pharmaceutical industries provide him the insight to make a major contribution as Amedica advances its orthopedic products toward commercial introduction."

Max Link has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Centerpulse for over the past two years, where he orchestrated the acquisition of Centerpulse by Zimmer Holdings, Inc. to produce the number one pure orthopedics company in the world. Centerpulse was one of the world's leading companies in medical technology, and was engaged in the development and manufacture of medical implants designed to restore or improve the functioning of joints.

Prior to joining Centerpulse, Dr. Link served as the Chief Executive Officer at Corange Limited/Boehringer Mannheim and Chairman and CEO at Sandoz Pharmaceuticals (now part of Novartis). Since 1994, Max Link has been actively involved as a director in numerous development stage companies in the healthcare and biopharmaceutical field both in the United States and in Europe, including Human Genome Sciences, Cell Therapeutics, Protein Design Labs and Alexion Pharmaceuticals.

Dr. Link received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland in 1970 and conducted extensive studies on the economies of Latin America.

Amedica Corporation aims to be a leader in the development and manufacturing of products for the growing orthopedic device market. Its products include reconstructive hip, spine and fixation implants that may represent a new standard of care in total joint implants due to their superior durability, performance and safety.

About Amedica

Amedica Corporation is an emerging orthopedic implant company focused on using its silicon nitride ceramic technologies to develop and commercialize a broad range of innovative, high-performance spine and joint implants for the growing orthopedic device market. Its products currently under development include spine implants that may represent a new standard of care in the treatment of spinal injuries, diseases, and disorders based on superior durability, performance and safety.