

Hoag Orthopedic Services ranks among nation's best

Hoag Orthopedic Services' expert medical team, high-technology equipment, and advanced surgical techniques make it one of the most comprehensive and acclaimed orthopedic programs both locally and nationwide.

In fact, Hoag ranks among the top five percent in the nation for orthopedic services, according to a recent report released by HealthGrades®, the nation's leading provider of independent hospital ratings. The report also ranks Hoag in the top ten percent nationally for spine surgery, and the best in California for overall orthopedic services and joint replacement.

According to the report, Hoag Orthopedic Services received the highest rating of five stars for outstanding patient outcomes in joint replacement, total hip replacement, partial hip replacement, total knee replacement, back and neck surgery, and spinal fusion.

"Hoag Orthopedic Services has the largest, most experienced medical staff in the area, including more than 40 physicians specializing in the most advanced orthopedic and spine procedures," explains orthopedic surgeon Mark Newman, M.D. "The latest HealthGrades results serve to validate not only the exceptional performance of Hoag's medical staff, but the entire orthopedic services team."

Hoag Orthopedic Services' team includes physical therapists, surgical technicians and a dedicated staff of highly trained nurses who work exclusively with Hoag's orthopedic patients.

"The quality of a hospital's nursing staff is key to achieving the highest level of patient care," asserts orthopedic surgeon Stephen Mikulak, M.D. "Hoag's orthopedic nurses are experts in orthopedic care. Their knowledge and experience not only leads to increased patient satisfaction, but even more important, directly results in improved patient outcomes."

From the newest minimally invasive techniques in total joint replacement to complex spine procedures, Hoag's expertise in orthopedic medicine translates to better results and fewer complications. Hoag's integrative team approach keeps it on the leading edge of medical advances and provides for better patient outcomes. And, with participation in a variety of clinical trials, Hoag provides patients access to the most advanced technologies in orthopedic medicine.

The Institute for Spine

A key component of Hoag's comprehensive orthopedics program is The Institute for Spine at Hoag Hospital. The Institute for Spine offers the latest in non-surgical and surgical treatments to heal the spine and stop back pain. Its esteemed team of orthopedic surgeons and neurosurgeons provide a multidisciplinary approach to treating a full spectrum of spinal disorders at Hoag. This close partnership between medical specialties creates a unique synergy and has distinguished Hoag among the top spine surgery centers in California.

JointWorks

Hoag Orthopedic Services is also well known for its acclaimed total joint program, JointWorks®. Hoag combines the latest advances in joint replacement surgery with patient education and rehabilitation processes to help motivate, encourage and support patients and their families before, during and after surgery. This comprehensive approach to patient care results in highly successful outcomes, allowing patients to quickly return to an active lifestyle.

Patient education

Hoag's emphasis on pre- and post-operative education is another key component to the excellence of its comprehensive orthopedic services program.

Hoag's extensive patient education program includes pre-admission orientation for surgical patients and a surgical guide that includes everything patients need to know about their surgery both before and after.

To ensure patients receive the finest level of care while in the hospital, Hoag provides a dedicated orthopedic floor with private patient rooms that include many comfortable amenities for patients and their families. Patient education also takes place on the unit to ensure that patients make a smooth transition from hospital to home.

"Hoag Orthopedic Services continues to lead the way in successful patient outcomes and high level patient care," states Dr. Newman. "From its expert medical team, to innovative technology and minimally invasive surgery, Hoag remains at the forefront of orthopedic medicine both locally and nationwide."

For more information about Hoag Orthopedic Services, please call 949/764-8564. The 2006 Healthgrades® ratings for all hospitals nationwide are available at www.healthgrades.com.

Living with chronic pain doesn't have to be the norm

Hoag Orthopedic Services performs more orthopedic procedures than any other hospital in Orange County. Rated "Best in California for Overall Orthopedic Services" by HealthGrades®, the nation's leading provider of independent hospital ratings, Hoag Orthopedic Services offers a wide range of expert care, including:

- state-of-the-art diagnostic services
- advanced surgical techniques
- arthroscopic surgery
- partial and total joint replacement
- complex spine/back surgery
- minimally invasive procedures
- non-surgical treatments
- emergency treatment
- sports medicine
- clinical research
- rehabilitation services
- community education
- pain management

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