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MIDWEST ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALTY HOSPITAL OPENS

Orthopedic physicians partner with Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

Franklin, WI – Twenty-four independent physicians and Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare officially opened an orthopedic hospital in Franklin.

Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital is now seeing patients on the second floor of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Franklin at 10101 S. 27th St. The hospital is a separately licensed entity and includes 16 inpatient beds, six day surgery beds, six surgical suites, four procedure rooms, and nine recovery room beds with capacity for expansion.

“We are excited for the opportunity to create an orthopedic center of excellence,” said Dr. William Pennington, orthopedic surgeon. “Our goal is to provide the optimal patient experience in an environment that is solely focused on the needs of the orthopedic patient.”

That focus will result in the highest possible patient satisfaction, quality of care, and cost efficiency, Pennington said. Current results of national patient surveys demonstrate that patient satisfaction is highest in the specialty hospital environment.

“Our patients now have access to some of the premier orthopedic experts in the nation,” said John Oliverio, President and CEO of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare.

“We look forward to partnering with these exceptional physicians to provide cutting edge technology and the very latest orthopedic procedures to the community.”

“It is our vision that Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital will be a 24/7 destination for patients with orthopedic needs. This hospital will set the benchmark for care as the premier orthopedic specialty hospital in the Midwest,” said Dr. Christopher Evanich, orthopedic surgeon.

The cost of the project, estimated at \$30 million, was split evenly between Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare and physician investors. The patient services currently on the second floor of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Franklin have been relocated to the third and fifth floors of the facility.

About Midwest Orthopedic Specialty Hospital physicians: The 24 physicians from independent groups throughout greater Milwaukee are leaders in innovative orthopedics including operative and non-operative treatments. Collectively, they perform the highest volumes of orthopedic surgeries in the state offering patients a full range of comprehensive care – from sports medicine and children’s orthopedics to spine, hand, hip and knee surgery. The board certified physicians are nationally recognized for their musculoskeletal research and most are fellowship trained.

About Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare (WFH) is a Catholic not-for-profit organization with more than 100 health and shelter organizations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Illinois. In Southeast Wisconsin, WFH is co-sponsored by the Wheaton Franciscan and Felician Sisters and nearly 12,000 associates, making it the second largest private employer in the area. Hospitals include All Saints in Racine County, Wheaton Franciscan - St. Joseph and The Wisconsin Heart Hospital Campuses, St. Francis, and Franklin in Milwaukee County, and Elmbrook Memorial in Waukesha County. The region also includes Wheaton Franciscan Medical Group with more than 350 primary care and specialty physicians.