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ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL BECOMES SECOND HOSPITAL IN JOHNSON COUNTY TO JOIN UNINSURED CARE NETWORK

Wy/Jo Care is building a system that will improve the health of our communities.

Leawood, KS. -- Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute, a physician owned hospital that is joint ventured with Saint Luke's Hospital, has joined Wy/Jo Care, a community-wide partnership providing access to medical specialists for low-income, uninsured patients.

Wy/Jo Care is a project of the Medical Society of Johnson and Wyandotte Counties.

"Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute takes pride in being the communities first and only hospital dedicated solely to providing musculoskeletal care" said Charles Rhoades, M.D. "As a hospital in the Kansas City Community it is important that we give back to the community".

Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute is owned by physicians from three of the city's prominent orthopaedic practices (Dickson-Diveley Midwest Orthopaedic Clinic, Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinics Chartered, and Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Clinics of Kansas City) and Saint Luke's Hospital.. A total of nineteen orthopaedic surgeons and a physiatrist are represented within the three groups. These physicians have pledged to provide services through this program, as well.

Both programs provide a link between patients who obtain primary-care services from safety-net providers such as community clinics, and specialists who can provide a high level of diagnostic and treatment services in their respective areas of specialty.

"We are grateful to the physicians of Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute for making state of the art orthopaedic care available to our low-income, uninsured neighbors," said Jacque Armspacher, Executive Director of the Medical Society of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties. "The example Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute, a private hospital, makes to the community should encourage other community hospitals to pledge their services."

Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute (KCOI) is a hospital that specializes in musculoskeletal orthopaedic service. Patients at KCOI receive care that is more focused and personalized to their specific medical needs. KCOI offers inpatient surgery, outpatient surgery, pain management, diagnostic MRI, physical and occupational rehabilitation services and other related

services. Orthopaedic available subspecialties available at KCOI include: Sports Medicine, Foot and Ankle, Spine, Total Joint Replacement, Hand Surgery, and Pain Management..

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