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Nyack Hospital Announces Opening Of Total Joint Replacement Center

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NYACK, NY - Nyack Hospital held a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 24th, 2006 to announce the opening of its Total Joint Replacement Center. This ceremony, held on the newly constructed unit, was attended by Nyack Hospital representatives William Trust, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; David H. Freed, President & CEO; Barry Kraushaar, M.D. and Jordan Simon, M.D., Co-Directors, Department of Orthopedics; Maureen Kirk, Chief Nursing Officer; Kathy Murray, Nurse Manager for the Total Joint Replacement Center, as well as members of the Hospital Board, medical staff, hospital management and employees.

(left to right) David H. Freed, President & CEO; Barry Kraushaar and M.D. Jordan Simon, M.D., Co-Directors, Total Joint Replacement Center; Maureen Kirk, Chief Nursing Officer and William Trust, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

David H. Freed, President & CEO, Nyack Hospital, noted, "This Center brings together the efforts of our surgeons, nursing, and hospital services to treat those individuals requiring total joint replacement, and establishes Nyack Hospital as a Center of Excellence in this area."

Under this program, individuals requiring knee or hip replacement are cared for by a new delivery model with active participation by the patients and families. "These patients are well prepared for their procedure," Freed continued, "and family members take an active role in their recovery by participating as 'coaches' throughout the rehabilitation process."

Under the Medical Direction of Barry Kraushaar, M.D. and Jordan Simon, M.D., this unit is staffed by nurses and healthcare professionals dedicated to treating patients undergoing knee or hip replacement. Drs. Kraushaar and Simon both were an integral part of the planning phase for this Center of Excellence in orthopedic care. Standardized plans of care, a high level of patient/family involvement, innovative pain management therapies and extensive patient education are the hallmarks of this Center. Patients at the Total Joint Replacement Center experience a shorter hospital stay, better outcomes and a faster return to their active lifestyle. In fact, most patients having surgery in the beginning of the week return to the comfort of their home by the weekend.

Caring for the Joint Replacement patient begins before surgery. Educational materials including videos, brochures, wall displays and guidebooks are available in surgeons' offices and at the Hospital, providing valuable information to patients prior to hospitalization. This continuum of care is maintained after returning home, when patients are contacted by nursing staff to further aid in their recovery.

William Trust, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Nyack Hospital, stated, "The Joint Replacement Center at Nyack Hospital demonstrates that Rockland residents can receive most advanced care close to home." Trust added,

"We expect that the implementation of this service and others like it will significantly reduce the outmigration of patients to other hospitals in New Jersey and New York City."

If you experience knee or hip pain and would like further information regarding the Total Joint Replacement Center at Nyack Hospital or for a referral to a physician affiliated with the Center, please call 348-2600.

Nyack Hospital is a 375-bed community acute care medical and surgical hospital located in Rockland County, NY. For additional information, visit www.nyackhospital.org.