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St. Cloud Hospital receives national recognition for total hip and total knee replacements

St. Cloud, Minn. - St. Cloud Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval™ for Disease-Specific Care Certification in Total Hip and Total Knee Replacement Surgery by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission's national standards for health care quality and safety.

St. Cloud Hospital Bone & Joint Center partners with St. Cloud Orthopedics and has an excellent reputation for providing optimal clinical outcomes using the latest technology by orthopedic certified and specialty trained staff and providers.

"St. Cloud Hospital Bone & Joint Center is pleased to receive Disease-Specific Care Certification from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Lisa Meyer, RN, Bone & Joint Center Director. "The certification provides us with the framework to create a culture of excellence for those in our community."

Certification process

Certification requirements for joint replacement programs address three areas:

- Compliance with consensus-based national standards;
- Effective use of appropriate, evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care; and
- An organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities.

Joint replacement programs that successfully demonstrate compliance in all three areas are awarded certification for a two-year period.

The Joint Commission's Disease-Specific Care Certification Program, launched in 2002, is designed to evaluate clinical programs across the continuum of care. Joint Commission accredited organizations may seek certification for virtually any chronic disease or condition. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org.

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