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SJMH Announces Creation of “St. James Mercy Center for Orthopedic Care”

December 2, 2013...Hornell, NY... St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) is pleased to announce the opening of a new clinic that will bring comprehensive orthopedic services to Hornell. Staffed by a team of providers affiliated with Rochester General Hospital, the St. James Mercy Center for Orthopedic Care will offer a robust set of orthopedics consultations via a full-time office practice as well as inpatient and outpatient surgeries to be performed at SJMH. The clinic is scheduled to open for business January 6, 2014.

The Center for Orthopedic Care will be located at 432 Canisteo Street and will be open five days a week, with call coverage available 24/7 via telemedicine services. The orthopedics team consists of:

- **Michael Leit, MD**, orthopedic surgeon with expertise in hand, elbow and shoulder disorders;
- **Sendhan Rajamanickam, MD**, orthopedic surgeon with expertise in degenerative arthritis of the hip and knee, arthritis in young adults, and foot and ankle conditions;
- **Steven Posnick, MD**, orthopedic surgeon with expertise in shoulder and knee conditions and sports medicine;
- **Christine Blonski, DO**, family medicine practitioner with expertise in sports medicine; and
- **Christopher Leberth, PA**, with orthopedics and surgical experience.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Dr. Leit and this outstanding team of orthopedic surgeons to create the St. James Mercy Center for Orthopedic Care and expand local orthopedic services in the Hornell community,” said Jennifer Sullivan, SJMH interim president and CEO. “Our mission is to provide local access to high-quality healthcare services, and we are very pleased to be able to offer this caliber and range of orthopedics care locally, including total joint replacements and sports medicine. This is the first step toward what we hope will evolve into future collaborative opportunities around specialty services that expand and ensure access to care for Hornell residents.”

“Our orthopedic team is enthusiastic about serving patients in the Hornell area,” said Dr. Michael Leit. “SJMH has an excellent reputation for quality and outcomes, including surgical services. Already, in meetings with local providers, we have been warmly welcomed to SJMH and are looking forward to joining the local community of care.”

Sullivan continued, “We are proud of our high-quality rehabilitation services for patients recovering from surgery or illness. Now, SJMH patients who need major joint procedures such as total hip and knee replacements will have access to the entire continuum of surgical and rehab care right here, close to home.” St. James Mercy offers inpatient rehabilitative care at its MercyCare campus and outpatient physical therapy at the Hospital campus.

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