It didn’t take long. In the short time since its 2010 opening, Hoag Orthopedic Institute (HOI) has built a national reputation for excellence. In fact, among many other accolades, HOI has been named one of the top 50 hospitals in the U.S. for three straight years by U.S. News & World Report. Through research and education, HOI is actively evolving the practice of orthopedic surgery and helping to put the Hoag name on the world stage.

Advancing orthopedic medicine is part of the DNA of HOI. It was built with the intention of being an incubator for innovation. As such, HOI physicians have implemented initiatives that have driven infection, complication and readmission rates to unprecedented lows not previously achieved by hospitals and significantly lower than the national average.

HOI physician leaders believe strongly that, for the good of patients everywhere, they must share their knowledge. They founded the Orthopedic Education and Research Institute (OERI), a non-profit organization (501c3) dedicated to teaching orthopedic surgeons and ancillary providers, educating the community and conducting clinical research.

Ahead of the pack, ahead of schedule. In less than two years of being founded, OERI established itself as a first-class fellowship, education and research program. The surgical fellowships in sports medicine, joint replacement and spine surgery are becoming highly sought after programs. In fact, OERI is becoming recognized as one of the elite post-residency orthopedic training centers across the country.

In providing top-notch education and mentoring for clinical fellows, OERI fills a void in Orange County. At least 75 percent of orthopedic surgical residents go on to fellowship training, a trend we expect to increase. Currently, there are very few orthopedic fellowship programs in our county. Within five years, we expect to be the premier provider for continuing orthopedic education for physicians, nurses and other medical professionals and a center of excellence for orthopedic translational research in areas of growing clinical importance.

Access to orthopedic surgical care remains a major challenge for many in Orange County. OERI has chosen to be part of the solution. OERI provides the means for orthopedic surgeons and other physicians to donate their services to our community’s underserved.

Hoag’s renowned orthopedic surgeons are passionate about sharing knowledge, advancing their specialty through research and innovation and giving back. Philanthropy will make all the difference.
FUNDRAISING PRIORITIES

The Hoag Promise Campaign is helping us to expand knowledge and impact orthopedic care on a national and even international scale. The campaign goals fall into one of three overarching themes that connect fundraising priorities to meaningful community benefits.

The Promise of Big Ideas
The Orthopedic Education & Research Institute is actively involved in medical research and supports multiple projects teamed with industry leaders and innovators to develop new orthopedic treatment modalities.

- **Physician Visitors Programs** - Bringing physicians to Hoag to learn from our techniques as well as sending our physicians to other highly reputable institutes to bring back best practices.

- **International Orthopedic Symposium** - This symposium provides the community with the unique opportunity to bring a world renowned speaker who presents live demonstrations on global surgical trends for orthopedic surgeons across California to engage in leading-edge education.

- **Orthopedic Nursing Symposium** - This annual symposium provides continuing education for orthopedic nurses, nursing assistants, physical therapists, peri-operative staff, rehabilitation staff and clinicians working in the orthopedic setting.

The Promise of Empowering You
The Hoag Promise Campaign invests in the latest advances to treat musculoskeletal conditions and diseases through excellence in care, clinical innovation, research and advocacy.

- **Community Sports Medicine Program** - A group of voluntary orthopedic surgeons work with a number of local athletic event sponsors and high schools providing sports medicine services on the sidelines. Young student athletes are quickly diagnosed and treated with state-of-the-art surgical techniques for injuries of the shoulder, elbow, knee and ankle.

- **Nurse Navigators** - The orthopedic nurse navigator acts as a central point of contact for the patient and family. This specialist has deep knowledge of orthopedic issues, navigating the patient through every step of the continuum of care, from diagnosis through surgery, recovery and two-year post care to track recovery rates and quality of life after procedures.

The Promise of Extraordinary Leaders
The Orthopedic Education and Research Institute aims training for orthopedic students and residents seeking additional training in orthopedic surgery in three core areas: joint replacement, spine and sports medicine. The goal is to train and mentor clinical fellows.

- **Endowed Chairs** - Endowed Chairs are a hallmark of great institutions and one of the most prestigious honors that can be bestowed on a physician. They provide financial resource for the physician leader holding the chair to advance his or her clinical specialty by focusing on patient care for the entire organization.

- **Endowed Professorships** - Professorships will be held by our renowned orthopedic surgeons. These funds will support their involvement in advancing patient care through education and research while still providing excellent one-on-one patient care. These professorships will report to the endowed chairs of each department.

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Carlos Prieto, M.D., M.Ed
President, Hoag Orthopedic Institute
Executive Director, Orthopedic Education & Research Institute

OFFERING THE BEST TO OUR NATION’S VETERANS

OERI’s outstanding physicians, advanced technology and devices, exceptional outcomes and community support make it the ideal environment for training and education. Former OERI Fellow and Iraq War veteran, Joseph Gondusky, M.D., is currently a Staff Joint Replacement Surgeon at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, VA. Dr. Gondusky took a temporary leave from military service to pursue the OERI fellowship and returned to service bringing all he had learned to his post.

“The physicians at OERI are outstanding pioneers of innovative surgical techniques,” he shares. “The fellowship gave me a great skill set. I’ve been able to bring their innovative approach to hip replacements back to Portsmouth. Right now, very few are doing this and it’s less invasive with better outcomes. Because of my time at OERI, I’m able to offer a higher level of advanced care to my patients than I could have before the fellowship.”
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