



Joint Center



Greater progress. Quicker recoveries.

Being able to lead a normal, active lifestyle is something many often take for granted. Until, of course, a bad hip or joint takes away that ability. Suddenly, simple activities – standing, sitting, and walking – cause pain and discomfort. Fortunately, Oaklawn provides a continuum of care to help address all your joint-related issues.



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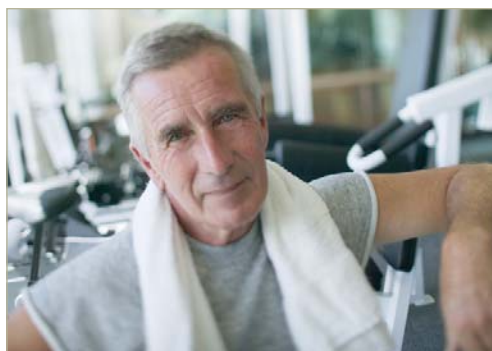
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Word is getting around.

At Oaklawn's Total Joint Center, we offer nationally recognized surgical and rehabilitation services for the care of bones and joints. The Total Joint Center is a separate inpatient setting for people recovering from hip or knee replacement surgery. Nicknamed Joint Camp, patients here receive expert care in a group environment that encourages family involvement and positive interaction with other patients.

A team of orthopedic surgeons, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and nurses work with family members and even other patients to encourage a patient's progress. Family members act as "coaches" to motivate patients and guide them under the close supervision of the medical team. Then, upon release from the hospital, the coach is empowered by the medical team to provide any necessary basic care.



A better starting point.

Patients are successful at Joint Camp largely because physical therapy begins almost immediately. Patients who qualify for Joint Camp undergo surgery on Tuesday and start therapy the next day, so everyone has the same starting point. When a patient sees that everyone else faces the same challenges, they develop a motivation to accelerate their recovery.

So what makes Joint Camp so different and successful?

- * We encourage patient comfort. Patients usually wear shorts, sweats and tennis shoes instead of hospital gowns.
- * Patients tour Joint Camp and have a chance to meet each other and their caregivers several weeks before surgery. This helps everyone feel more at ease and willing to work with each other.
- * Patients receive daily letters kindly reminding them of their recovery goals.
- * Group activities are encouraged in a community room, where patients exercise and take meals.
- * Patients and coaches are "rewarded" with a gourmet meal on the last night of their three- to four-night stay.

In an effort to increase awareness of joint-related issues, Oaklawn offers monthly joint pain seminars, some of which are held in nearby communities. We also offer a monthly on-site seminar on the fourth Thursday of the month, that is held in the lower level of the



Wright Medical Building. At the conclusion of the on-site seminar, participants are offered the opportunity to view Joint Camp and our new private rooms.

To more information or to register for one of our joint pain seminars call (888) 227-2202.

