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— Jeff Gelfand, MD
Luminis Health Facts & Figures

3 Hospitals
7 Counties
80+ Care Sites

$1.2 Billion Operating Revenue

6,500+ Employees

35,406 Inpatient Admissions

1,770 Medical Staff

1,430 Volunteers

$80 Million Community Benefit

741 Licensed Beds

156,054 Emergency Visits

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 Luminis Health Orthopedics Outcomes report. Building on the long history of the Anne Arundel Medical Center Orthopedics Outcomes report, this year’s work is unlike any other for many reasons. The past two years have been a time of immense change at our institution, as Anne Arundel Health System and Doctor’s Community Health System merged to form Luminis Health. Together, the newly formed Luminis Health Orthopedics consists of 66 providers seeing patients at 8 clinic locations. Our team sees over 168,000 patients annually, and has increased access to orthopedic care through the expansion of our OrthoToday programs, which provide same-day and night/weekend appointments, 7 days a week. For patients requiring surgery, we perform nearly 9,000 cases annually across Anne Arundel and Prince George’s Counties, including over 3,000 annual surgeries in our two ambulatory surgery centers. Finally, our orthopedic service line is supported by 15 physical therapy practices seeing over 150,000 visits per year. It is undoubtedly an exciting time for Luminis Health Orthopedics to serve patients across Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.

It needs no mention that the past two years have also been a time of immense struggle as we continue to deal with the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic. Like all of you across the country, we have faced the uncertainty of elective surgery cancellations, redeployment to medical units, increasingly complex patients due to delays in care, and the personal toll of the pandemic on our families, our colleagues, and our patients. Despite the immense suffering that has been endured during this period, we are inspired by the collective response of our orthopedic profession to meet the needs of our patients—both at Luminis Health and across the country. In this year’s report, we look forward to sharing some of the innovative approaches that were developed in response to our local resource constraints, and hope the lessons learned may translate to sustained improvements in care.

The goal of this report is to demonstrate breadth of research and quality improvement initiatives underway at Luminis Health Orthopedics. From developing a new platform for collecting patient reported outcomes to enabling patients to access new technologies through clinical trials and evaluating interventions aimed at reducing health disparities, our research team is integral to achieving our mission of enhancing the health of the people and communities we serve. Caring for orthopedic patients requires a team-based, multidisciplinary effort. Many of the co-authors and collaborators named in this report include colleagues from nursing, physical therapy, anesthesia, and other specialties. Without them, the high-quality, low cost care we deliver to our patients, and the ability to publish these results, would not be possible. In the pages ahead, please enjoy highlights of the exciting work underway at Luminis Health Orthopedics.

Respectfully,

Jeff Gelfand, MD
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Vice President
Luminis Health Orthopedics and Ambulatory Medicine
COVID-19 Response

The COVID-19 pandemic was a driving force behind rapid innovation across the Luminis Health System. The following studies demonstrate three examples of how the orthopedic service line led these efforts. The first profiles our expanded use of wide awake local anesthesia, no tourniquet (WALANT) techniques across the practice to maintain access to care during the height of the pandemic. The second work describes a collaborative effort between the department of surgery and the orthopedic service line to establish a low-resource OR that could be used to maintain access across specialties during this time. Finally, we describe the health system’s work to provide COVID-19 vaccines across our region; an effort led by Kevin Crowley, Vice President of Orthopedics, who served as the health systems’ vaccine incident commander.

RESEARCH PROFILE

Maintaining Access to Orthopaedic Surgery During Periods of Operating Room Resource Constraint: Expanded Use of Wide-Awake Surgery During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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As published in JAAOS Global Research and Reviews

Introduction: Wide-awake local anesthesia no tourniquet (WALANT) presents a nonstandard anesthetic approach initially described for use in hand surgery that has gained interest and utilization across a variety of orthopaedic procedures. In response to operating room resource constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, our orthopaedic service rapidly adopted and expanded its use of WALANT.

Methods: A retrospective review of 16 consecutive cases performed by 7 surgeons was conducted. Patient demographics, surgical details, and perioperative outcomes were assessed. The primary end point was WALANT failure, defined as intraoperative conversion to general anesthesia.

Results: No instances of WALANT failure requiring conversion to general anesthesia occurred. In recovery, one patient (6%) required narcotics for pain control, and the average postoperative pain numeric rating scale was 0.6. The maximum pain score experienced was 4 in the patient requiring postoperative narcotics. The average time in recovery was 42 minutes and ranged from 8 to 118 minutes.

Conclusions: The WALANT technique was safely and effectively used in 16 cases across multiple orthopaedic subspecialties, including three procedures not previously described in the literature. WALANT techniques hold promise for use in future disaster scenarios and should be evaluated for potential incorporation into routine orthopaedic surgical care.

DIAGNOSES AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES PERFORMED

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FOP = flexor digitorum profundus, FOS = flexor digitorum superficialis.
ORIF = open reduction and internal fixation
RESEARCH PROFILE

Development of a Low-Resource Operating Room and a Wide-Awake Orthopedic Surgery Program During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Justin J. Turcotte PhD, MBA, Jeffrey Gelfand MD, Christopher M. Jones MD, Rubie S. Jackson MD, MPH

As published in Surgical Innovation

Introduction: The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in significant medication, supply and equipment, and provider shortages, limiting the resources available for provision of surgical care. In response to mandates restricting surgery to high acuity procedures during this period, our institution developed a multidisciplinary Low Resource Operating Room (LROR) Taskforce in April 2020. This study describes our institutional experience developing a LROR to maintain access to urgent surgical procedures during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Methods: A delineation of available resources and resource replacement strategies was conducted and a final institution-wide plan for operationalizing the LROR was formed. Specialty-specific subgroups then convened to determine best practices and opportunities for LROR utilization. Orthopedic surgery performed in the LROR using wide-awake local anesthesia no tourniquet (WALANT) is presented as a use case.

Results: Overall, 19 limited resources were identified, spanning across the domains of physical space, drugs, devices and equipment, and personnel. Based on the assessment, the decision to proceed with creation of a LROR was made. Sixteen urgent orthopedic surgeries were successfully performed using WALANT without conversion to general anesthesia.

Conclusions: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a low resource operating room was successfully designed and operationalized. The process for development of a low resource operating room and recommended strategies for operating in a resource constrained environment may serve as a model for other institutions and facilitate rapid implementation of this care model should the need arise in future pandemic or disaster situations.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Traversing the Last Mile: A Regional Health System’s Experience with Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution

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To address the challenges associated with the last-mile logistics of Covid-19 vaccine distribution, Luminis Health implemented a multidimensional approach that focused on building trust, engaging the community, managing demand and vaccination delivery logistics, and coordinating with outside institutions. Using this framework, the system has vaccinated over 70% of its employees and distributed over 64,000 vaccines to the community. In alignment with its guiding principles of safe, equitable, and transparent vaccine distribution, Luminis Health tailored its vaccination campaign to engage racial and ethnic minority communities that have been disproportionately affected by Covid-19. Looking forward, the system has set a goal of vaccinating 500,000 Marylanders over the next 4 months. The successes and areas of opportunities described may serve as a guide for other systems actively distributing Covid-19 vaccines and lead to improved efficiency and effectiveness of future public health initiatives.

COMMUNITY CLINIC CUMULATIVE VACCINATION VOLUME BY RACE
LH AAMC
Joint Replacement

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11 consecutive years as the busiest joint replacement program in Maryland.

2,015 joint replacements performed in 2021 – the most in Maryland.

88% of total joint replacements performed as outpatient surgery – the most in Maryland.

87% of patients with 0 or 1 day length of stay.

96% of patients discharged home.

23 published peer-reviewed manuscripts.
Case Volume

The Center for Joint Replacement at AAMC has been Maryland’s highest volume joint replacement program for eleven consecutive years. Over the past 5 years, we are the only program to perform over 10,000 joint replacements, and we performed 2,015 surgeries in 2021. With the 2018 removal of total knee replacement and 2020 removal of total hip replacement from the Medicare inpatient only list, we have prioritized performing these surgeries as outpatient procedures, an effort that enhances patient satisfaction and saves money for the healthcare system. In 2021, 88% of primary total hip and knee replacements performed at AAMC were done as outpatient surgeries, the most of any high volume (>500 annual cases) joint center in Maryland.

*Volumes include only cases performed at Luminis Health AAMC. ASC cases are not included.*
Hospital Outcomes

In 2021, 87% of patients undergoing primary TKR and THR had a hospital length of stay (LOS) ≤ 1 day. In addition, only 4% of patients were discharged to skilled nursing facilities, 2% were readmitted within 30 days of surgery, and 2% returned to the emergency department within 30 days of surgery, all outperforming published national averages.

National Benchmarks: ACS-NSQIP Outcomes

AAMC participates in the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS-NSQIP), which is the first nationally validated, risk-adjusted, outcomes-based program to measure surgical care and quality. ACS-NSQIP allows valid comparison of outcomes among all 700+ hospitals participating in the program.

The graphs below present our ACS-NSQIP quality measures for patients undergoing total joint replacement. For total hip and knee replacements, AAMC ranked in the top 10% of hospitals nationally on 14 of 20 measures.

These graphs present our performance as odds ratios, which estimate the odds of an event happening at AAMC compared to the estimate of that type of event happening in all 700+ hospitals reporting to the ACS-NSQIP database. An odds ratio of 1.0 means the hospital is performing as expected. A number less than 1.0 indicates the hospital is performing better than expected, while a number above 1.0 is worse than expected.
Financial Outcomes

As part of our mission to provide high quality, low cost care to the patients we serve, we continually aim to decrease the cost of total joint replacement and maximize the value delivered to patients. In 2021, the Center for Joint Replacement offered the lowest average charge primary total hip replacements and third lowest charge total knee replacements in the state. Our average charges of $17,648 and $18,244 were 25% and 20% below the state averages of $23,432 and $22,679 for total hip and knee replacements, respectively.

Our average charges for total hip and knee replacements are 20-25% below the state average.
RESEARCH PROFILE
Improving Postoperative Outcomes in African American Patients Undergoing TJA

Funding made possible by the J. Robert Gladden Orthopaedic Society

Principal Investigator: Paul King, MD

Past studies have shown that minority races and ethnic groups tend to have poorer outcomes than white patients after total joint arthroplasty. African American patients often remain in the hospital longer than white patients, and when they are discharged, they are more likely to be sent to a skilled nursing facility rather than home. African American patients are more likely to have certain medical comorbidities like diabetes, which are known to increase the risk associated with arthroplasty procedures. With payment models being based on outcomes, orthopaedic surgeons may tend toward selecting patients who are more likely to have a better outcome, which could limit access to care for patients who come with a higher risk.

Paul King, MD, wants to mitigate the health-related disadvantages of minority patient population groups and also improve their outcomes.

Dr. King hypothesized that individualized pre-operative consultation with a nurse navigator would identify potential ways to reduce the time patients spend in the hospital after a total joint arthroplasty (TJA) and increase the likelihood that they can be released home directly after surgery. With funding from OREF and JRGOS, he will conduct a study in which at-risk patients scheduled for TJA receive an individualized nurse navigator (NN) consultation to assist in postoperative planning, coordinate pre- and postoperative specialist referrals, and connect patients with community health resources. Based on prior research, minority patients, patients with multiple comorbidities, those living alone, and those with socioeconomic risk factors are considered at-risk for a suboptimal outcome after TJA and referred to the program. The nurse navigator will assess each patient’s needs and guide them to preoperative programs developed specifically to decrease length of hospital stay and increase home discharge following TJA.

To determine if these preoperative efforts, called NN @ PAT, are effective in improving outcomes for minority race and ethnic populations, Dr. King will conduct a retrospective analysis of postoperative outcomes (length of stay, discharge disposition, and rates of complications and readmissions) of at-risk patients in the NN @ PAT program versus the general population of the same time period who were not treated in the program. He will also look at propensity score matched contemporaneous control at-risk patients who were not treated in the program, and a cohort of propensity score matched patients who were treated prior to the implementation of the NN @ PAT program. Finally, he will perform subgroup analyses comparing outcomes between minority and white patients to evaluate whether the program effectively reduced disparities between these populations.

The results of this study will be released in 2022.

“We recognize that racial disparities in outcomes among patients undergoing total joint arthroplasty exist; however, few studies have evaluated interventions aimed at reducing these disparities. To improve health equity we must provide additional resources to minority and at-risk patients. By providing additional nurse navigator coordination and access to services for these patients, we hypothesize that the gap in outcomes can be reduced.”

—Paul King, MD
RESEARCH PROFILE

The Effect of Neuraxial Anesthesia on Postoperative Outcomes in Total Joint Arthroplasty With Rapid Recovery Protocols

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As published in The Journal of Arthroplasty

Background: Compared to general anesthesia (GA), neuraxial anesthesia (NA) has been associated with improved outcomes after total joint arthroplasty (TJA). We examined the impact of NA on patient outcomes in an institution with an established rapid recovery protocol.

Methods: This is a single-institution retrospective analysis of 5914 consecutive primary TJA performed from July 2015 to June 2018. Univariate tests and multivariate regression compared length of stay (LOS), transfusion rates, hematocrit levels, discharge disposition, and emergency room returns between patients receiving GA and NA.

Results: Patients receiving NA had a significantly shorter LOS (total hip arthroplasty [THA]: GA 1.74 vs NA 1.36 days, P < .001; total knee arthroplasty [TKA]: GA 1.77 vs NA 1.64 days, P < .001). Both THA and TKA patients receiving NA were less likely to require transfusion (THA: GA 5.8% vs NA 1.6%, P < .001; TKA: GA 2.5% vs NA 0.5%, P < .001) and had a higher postoperative hematocrit (THA: GA 32.50% vs NA 33.22%, P < .001; TKA GA 33.57 vs NA 34.50%, P < .001). Patients receiving NA were more likely to discharge home (THA: GA 83.4% vs NA 92.3%, P < .001; TKA: GA 83.3% vs NA 86.3%, P = .010) (THA: NA adjusted OR [aOR] 2.04, P < .001; TKA: NA aOR 1.23, P = .048) and had significantly lower rates of 90-day emergency room visits (THA: NA aOR 0.61, P = .005; TKA: NA aOR 0.74, P = .034).

Conclusions: NA appears to contribute to decreased LOS, short-term complications, and transfusions while facilitating home discharge following TKA and THA. These trends are consistent when controlling for patient-specific risk factors, suggesting NA may enhance outcomes for patients with increased age, body mass index, and comorbidities.

TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

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ASA, American Society of Anesthesiologist; ER, emergency room; SNF, skilled nursing facility; PRBC, packed red blood cells.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Outpatient, Home-Based Physical Therapy Promotes Decreased Length of Stay and Post-Acute Resource Utilization After Total Joint Arthroplasty

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As published in *The Journal of Arthroplasty*

**Background:** Patients and healthcare systems are increasingly focused on evaluating interventions that increase the value of care delivered. Our objective of this study is to evaluate early post-operative outcomes among those patients who underwent total joint arthroplasty with and without the participation in our piloted Outpatient Physical Therapy Home Visits (OPTHV) program.

**Methods:** A retrospective analysis of patients undergoing total hip arthroplasty and total knee arthroplasty at a single institution from July 2016 to September 2017 was performed. Matched cohorts were compared according to OPTHV enrollment status.

**Results:** In total, 1729 patients were included in this study. Two hundred ninety-three patients were enrolled in OPTHV, while 1436 patients received institutional standard care. Patients were matched by gender (56.7% vs 57.7% female, P = .751), age (67.75 vs 66.95 years, P = .167), body mass index (30.18 vs 30.12 kg/m², P = .859), and average American Society of Anesthesiologists score (2.31 vs 2.36, P = .131). OPTHV patients had a shorter length of stay (1.39 vs 1.64 days, P < .001) and were more likely to discharge to home (89.8% vs 74.7%, P < .001). Ninety-day re-admissions (2.7% vs 2.6%, P = .880) and emergency room visits (4.1% vs 4.3%, P = .864) were equivalent.

**Conclusions:** OPTHV is a novel program that facilitates discharge home and decreased length of stay after total joint arthroplasty without increasing re-admissions or emergency room visits. Utilization of OPTHV may contribute toward reducing the episode of care costs by reducing utilization of skilled nursing facility and home health services. Further prospective studies are needed to evaluate the effect of OPTHV on the total cost of care and functional outcomes.
RESEARCH PROFILE

The Utility of Frozen Section Histology in Diagnosing Periprosthetic Joint Infection in Revision Total Joint Arthroplasty

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As published in The Journal of Arthroplasty

Background: Surgeons utilize a combination of preoperative tests and intraoperative findings to diagnose periprosthetic joint infection (PJI); however, there is currently no reliable diagnostic marker that can be used in isolation. The purpose of our study is to evaluate the utility of frozen section histology in diagnosis of PJI.

Methods: Retrospective analysis of 614 patients undergoing revision total joint arthroplasty with frozen section histology from a single institution was performed. Discriminatory value of frozen section histology was assessed using univariate analysis and evaluation of area under the curve (AUC) of a receiver operating characteristic curve comparing frozen section histology results to the 2018 International Consensus Meeting (ICM) PJI criteria modified to exclude the histology component.

Results: The sensitivity of the frozen section histology was 53.6% and the specificity was 95.2%. There was 99.2% concordance between the permanent section and frozen section results. The receiver operating characteristic curve for frozen section yielded an AUC of 0.744 (95% confidence interval 0.627-0.860) and the modified ICM score yielded an AUC of 0.912 (95% confidence interval 0.836-0.988) when compared to the full score. The addition of frozen section histology changed the decision to infected in 20% of “inconclusive” cases but less than 1% of total cases.

Conclusions: In comparison to the modified ICM criteria, intraoperative frozen section histology has poor sensitivity, strong specificity, and acceptable overall discrimination for diagnosing PJI. This test appears to be of particular value for patients deemed “inconclusive” for infection using the remaining ICM criteria.

COMPARISON OF DECISION BETWEEN MODIFIED ICM AND FULL ICM CLASSIFICATIONS.

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Data are expressed as n (%). Percentages included are percent of total (n=614).
RESEARCH PROFILE

Reasons for Revision: Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty Mechanisms of Failure
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**Background:** This study aimed to examine the major reasons for total hip arthroplasty (THA) failure and temporal patterns in THA revisions.

**Methods:** A retrospective chart review was conducted on 535 revisions performed on 444 THAs from January 2010 to May 2019 at our institution.

**Results:** The average time to revision THA was 8.38-8.516 years, with 136 cases (30.9%) occurring within 2 years after primary THA. The major mechanisms of failure that resulted in revision surgery were mechanical failure (162, 36.5%), metallosis (95, 21.4%), dislocation or instability (65, 14.6%), periprosthetic fracture (46, 10.4%), infection (44, 9.9%), hematoma or poor wound healing (15, 3.4%), and pain or other (17, 3.8%).

**Conclusions:** Based on our institutional experience over the past decade, mechanical failure without dislocation, metallosis, dislocation, periprosthetic fracture, and infection are typical reasons patients present for primary THA revision. Revisions within 2 years after primary THA are more likely to be the result of infection and periprosthetic fracture. Mechanical failure is the most common reason for revision THA overall, and mechanical failure and metallosis are more likely to be the reason revision is necessary 2 or more years after primary THA.

**MECHANISM OF FAILURE AS A PERCENT OF EARLY, LATE, AND OVERALL REVISIONS**

*Mechanism of failure significantly more prevalent in early revisions (P<.001)*

**Mechanism of failure significantly more prevalent in late revisions (P<.001)**
RESEARCH PROFILE

Preoperative Predictors of Same-Day Discharge After Total Knee Arthroplasty

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Background: In January 2020, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved total knee arthroplasty (TKA) to be performed in ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs). This study aims to develop a predictive model for targeting appropriate patients for ASC-based TKA.

Methods: A retrospective review of 2,266 patients (205 same day discharge [9.0%] and 2,061 one day length of stay [91.0%]) undergoing TKA at a regional medical center between July 2016 and September 2020 was conducted. Multiple logistic regression was used to evaluate predictors of same-day discharge (SDD), as these patients represent those most likely to safely undergo TKA in an ASC.

Results: Controlling for other demographics and comorbidities, patients with the following characteristics were at reduced odds of SDD: increased age (OR=0.935, p<0.001), BMI ≥ 35 (OR=0.491, p=0.002), female (OR=0.535, p<0.001), non-white race (OR=0.456, p=0.003), primary hypertension (OR=0.710, p=0.032), ≥ 3 comorbidities (OR=0.507, p=0.002), ASA ≥ 3 (OR=0.378, p<0.001). The model was deemed to be of adequate fit using the Hosmer and Lemeshow test (χ²=12.437, p=0.112) and the area under the curve was found to be 0.773 indicating acceptable discrimination.

Conclusions: For patients undergoing primary TKA, increased age, BMI ≥ 35, female gender, non-white race, primary hypertension, ≥ 3 comorbidities, and ASA ≥ 3 decrease the likelihood of same day discharge. A predictive model based on readily available patient presentation and comorbidity characteristics may aid surgeons in identifying patients that are candidates for same-day discharge or ASC-based TKA.
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Spine Surgery

743 surgeries performed in 2021 – the 5th most in Maryland.

21% lower average charge per case than the Maryland hospital average.

5 quality measures in the top decile nationally including overall morbidity, mortality, cardiac complications, VTE, and sepsis.

12 quality measures outperforming national benchmarks.

12 published peer-reviewed manuscripts.

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High Quality, Low Cost Care

The Center for Spine surgery performed 743 cases in 2021, making it the 5th busiest program in Maryland. Using a multidisciplinary approach, the program provides comprehensive care for degenerative and acute spine conditions. This has enabled us to deliver high quality, low cost care as demonstrated by a charge per case 21% lower than the Maryland hospital average, and outperforming national benchmarks in 12 ACS-NSQIP quality measures.

*Volumes include only cases performed at Luminis Health AAMC. ASC cases are not included.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Patient Goal-directed Care in an Orthopedic Spine Specialty Clinic

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Introduction: Using health-related goals to direct care could improve quality and reduce cost of medical care; however, the impact of these goals for patients with spinal pathologies is not well understood. The purpose of this study is to describe patient-reported goals by provider type and evaluate the impact of patient-provider goal awareness on patient satisfaction and treatment pathway.

Methods: A pilot program was instituted in which all new or existing patients scheduled with either a single spine surgeon or nonoperative spine nurse practitioner were asked to complete a paper survey instrument regarding their goals of care prior to their visit. The patient goals were then discussed between the provider and patient. Univariate and multivariate analyses were performed to evaluate relationships between patient goals, provider seen, diagnosis, and treatment recommendations.

Results: There were 703 respondents to the survey and 416 of those patients were included for subgroup analysis. Patient reported goals varied by provider type. When examining rates of recommended interventions by patient goal, significant differences were observed for 7 of the 13 goal categories. Significant differences in intervention recommendations by provider type existed for physical therapy, medications, MRI, and surgery (all p<0.001). After controlling for other variables, seeing a surgeon, thoracolumbar pathology, and goals of “return to activity or social events I enjoy” and “learn about spine surgery” were significant independent predictors of recommendation for surgery (all OR>3 and p<0.05). This model generated an area under the curve of 0.923 (95% CI: 0.861-0.986), indicating outstanding discrimination in predicting recommendation for surgery. Patient satisfaction scores rose from 91.5% to 92.2%, but this difference was not statistically significant (p=0.782)

Discussion: Specific patient-reported goals vary by provider type and are associated with specific diagnosis and treatment recommendations. Goal-directed care may improve the design of treatment pathways and the overall patient experience.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Structural Allograft Versus Synthetic Interbody Cage for Anterior Cervical Discectomy and Fusion: A Comparison of 1-Year Outcomes From a National Database

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Study Design: Observational cohort study

Objectives: To compare one-year perioperative complications between structural allograft (SA) and synthetic cage (SC) for anterior cervical discectomy and fusion (ACDF) using a national database.

Methods: The TriNetX Research Network was retrospectively queried. Patients undergoing initial single or multi-level ACDF surgery between October 1, 2015, and April 30, 2019, were propensity score matched based on age and comorbidities. The rates of one-year revision ACDF surgery and reported diagnoses of pseudoarthrosis, surgical site infection (SSI) and dysphagia were compared between structural allograft and synthetic cage techniques.

Results: A comparison of one-year outcomes between propensity score matched cohorts was conducted on 3,056 patients undergoing single level ACDF and 3,510 patients undergoing multi-level ACDF. In single-level ACDF patients, there was no difference in one-year revision ACDF surgery (p=0.573), reported diagnoses of pseudoarthrosis (p=0.413), SSI (p=0.620), or dysphagia (p=0.529) between structural allograft and synthetic cage groups. In multi-level ACDF patients, there was a higher rate of revision surgery (SA: 3.8% vs. SC: 7.3%, OR=1.982, p<0.001) in the synthetic cage group, and a higher rate of dysphagia in the structural allograft group (SA:15.9% vs. SC: 12.9%).

Conclusions: While the overall revision and complication rate for single-level ACDF remains low despite interbody graft selection, synthetic cage implant selection may result in higher rates of revision surgery in multi-level procedures despite yielding lower rates of dysphagia. Further prospective study is warranted.

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Propensity score matched cohorts, one-year outcomes. Data provided for propensity score matched patient cohorts with single level and multilevel ACDF utilizing structural allograft or synthetic interbody spacer. ACDF – Anterior cervical discectomy and fusion; CI – Confidence interval. Statistical significance with p-value <0.5 in bold.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Racial Disparities in Surgical Outcomes After Spine Surgery: An ACS-NSQIP Analysis

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Study Design: Retrospective cohort study.

Objectives: Racial disparities in postoperative outcomes are unfortunately common. We present data assessing race as an independent risk factor for postoperative complications after spine surgery for Native American (NA) and African American (AA) patients compared with Caucasians (CA).

Methods: The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS-NSQIP) database was queried for spine procedures performed in 2015. Data was subdivided by surgery, demography, comorbidity, and 30-day postoperative outcomes, which were then compared by race. Regression was performed holding race as an independent risk factor.

Results: A total of 4803 patients (4106 CA, 522 AA, 175 NA) were included in this analysis. AA patients experienced longer length of stay (LOS) and operative times (P < .001) excluding lumbar fusion, which was significantly shorter (P = .035). AA patients demonstrated higher comorbidity burden, specifically for diabetes and hypertension (P < .005), while NA individuals were higher tobacco consumers (P < .001). AA race was an independent risk factor associated with longer LOS across all cervical surgeries (b = 1.54, P <.001), lumbar fusion (b = 0.77, P = .009), and decompression laminectomy (b = 1.23, P < .001), longer operative time in cervical fusion (b = 12.21, P = .032), lumbar fusion (b = -24.00, P = .016), and decompression laminectomy (OR = 20.95, P <.001), greater risk for deep vein thrombosis in lumbar fusion (OR = 3.72, P = .017), and increased superficial surgical site infections (OR = 5.22, P = .001) and pulmonary embolism (OR = 5.76, P = .048) in decompression laminectomy. NA race was an independent risk factor for superficial surgical site infections following cervical fusion (OR = 14.58, P = .044) and decompression laminectomy (OR = 4.80, P = .021).

Conclusions: AA and NA spine surgery patients exhibit disproportionate comorbidity burden and greater 30-day complications compared with CA patients. AA and NA race were found to independently affect rates of complications, LOS, and operation time.
1,825 surgeries performed in 2021

7 published peer-reviewed manuscripts.

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Procedure Volume

In 2021, the sports medicine program performed 1,825 surgeries including >3,500 procedures to treat a wide variety of pathologies across the upper and lower extremities. With the opening of our ambulatory surgery centers in 2019, we began shifting sports medicine surgery out of the hospital setting to deliver high quality care in the most cost-efficient manner possible.

A unique aspect of our program is the breadth of sports medicine procedures performed including a high volume of arthroscopic hip, knee, and shoulder surgeries. Despite the shift of sports medicine procedures to the ambulatory surgery center setting, LH AAMC has performed 8,674 hospital-based sports medicine surgeries (as defined by Advisory Board) since FY2017, the most in Maryland over the past 5 years.

Quality

Arthroscopic shoulder and knee surgeries are the two sports medicine procedures captured in the ACS-NSQIP quality reporting program. In 2020-2021, patients treated at LH AAMC experienced lower 30-day all cause complication rates than the national average for both procedures.
Community Involvement

The Sports Medicine team is involved in volunteer community sports coverage at all levels from the weekend warrior to Olympic teams. We are very proud to be selected by the following teams to provide their medical coverage:

- **DANIEL REDZINIAK, MD**  
  Bowie State, Anne Arundel Community College, Broadneck High School, Annapolis High School

- **BENJAMIN PETRE, MD**  
  USA Olympic Ski Team, USA Olympic Snowboard Team, Baltimore Orioles, Bowie Baysox AA Orioles affiliate, Annapolis High School

- **PETER OVE, MD**  
  Bowie State, DeMatha Catholic High School, Severna Park High School

- **CHRISTINA MORGANTI, MD**  
  Anne Arundel Community College

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

The Sports Medicine team is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to both providers and the community. Highlights of our ongoing annual education activities:

**Youth Injury Prevention Seminar (YIPS)**  
YIPS, an annual conference led by Christina Morganti, MD, aims to educate and update coaches, athletic trainers, parents, physical therapists, midlevel providers and other physicians on the most relevant injury prevention topics and techniques. Recent conferences have focused on topics such as concussions, the opioid crisis and what it means for injured youth, prevention of ACL tears, footwear, and playing surface, etc.

**Emerging Concepts in Orthopedic Surgery**  
Organized by Daniel Redziniak, MD, and Jeff Gelfand, MD, this one-day course is targeted toward orthopedic surgeons, primary care providers, physical therapists, and other allied professionals who want to learn about emerging treatment options for common conditions encountered by orthopedic surgeons. Course lectures include new strategies for treating a range of orthopedic conditions and injuries, and discussion of new procedures compared with alternate management options.

**Sports Medicine Fellowship**  
The AAMC Sports Medicine team was honored to be asked by the Uniformed Services University to take part in teaching their Sports Medicine fellows.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Risk Factors for All-Inside Meniscal Repair Failure With and Without Concurrent Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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Background: This study examines the relationship between meniscus tear presentations and failure rates following all-inside repair in isolation and in conjunction with an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction.

Methods: Eighty seven consecutive patients undergoing all-inside meniscal repair at a single institution from July 2016 to June 2018 were retrospectively reviewed. Details of patient presentation, tear type and location, the presence or absence of simultaneous ACL reconstruction, and surgical repair details were recorded to evaluate the relationship between patient characteristics and the primary endpoint of repair failure.

Results: Patients were followed for an average of 2.7 ± 0.8 years. Three patients (3.4%) experienced 30-day complications including 1 deep vein thrombosis and 2 joint aspirations. Within the study time frame, 15 repairs (17.2%) failed, with 10 (11.5%) failing within one year of the initial procedure; the average time to failure was 12.3 ± 9.0 months. Patients undergoing concurrent ACL reconstruction were less likely to experience repair failure (9.7% vs. 36.0%, p=.009), while bucket-handle repairs were more likely to fail during the study period (45.0% vs. 9.0%, p=.001). These trends remained after controlling for tear location, body mass index, and number of sutures (ACL reconstruction Odds Ratio [OR]: 0.229, p=.029; Bucket-handle OR: 9.400, p=.003).

Conclusions: Our findings suggest concurrent ACL reconstruction at the time of meniscal repair is associated with increased repair survival. The all-inside technique may be successfully used across a variety of tear types and locations, although further study of its efficacy in repairing bucket-handle tears is warranted.

MULTIPLE LOGISTIC REGRESSION EVALUATING RISK OF FAILURE

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RESEARCH PROFILE

Early postoperative pain and opioid consumption after arthroscopic shoulder surgery with or without open subpectoral biceps tenodesis and interscalene block

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Objectives: The addition of open subpectoral biceps tenodesis to arthroscopic shoulder surgery with interscalene block has been anecdotally observed to result in increased postoperative pain. This study aims to evaluate the impact of tenodesis on early postoperative pain and recovery.

Methods: A retrospective review of patients undergoing arthroscopic shoulder surgery with general anesthesia and interscalene block was conducted.

Results: Patients undergoing tenodesis experienced longer OR time, pain numeric rating scale (NRS), and consumed more morphine milligram equivalents (MME) in PACU. After controlling for confounding factors, tenodesis was significantly associated with increased opioid MME consumption in the PACU ($\beta = 1.045$, $p = .028$) and last PACU pain NRS ($\beta = 0.541$, $p = .009$).

Conclusions: Overall, pain scores and narcotic consumption were low after surgery, making these differences potentially clinically insignificant. Further study is required to evaluate whether these trends are consistent among this population.

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Significant P-Values in bold
Pain NRS reported for 487 no Tenodesis, and 168 tenodesis patients
OR – operating room
PACU – post anesthesia care unit
MME – morphine milligram equivalents
Case Volume

In 2021, the upper extremity program performed 1,564 surgeries accounting for >2,000 procedures in the hand, wrist, and elbow. Shoulder procedures performed by upper extremity surgeons are captured in the sports medicine volumes previously presented.

**UPPER EXTREMITY PROCEDURES (FY2021)**

With the opening of our ambulatory surgery centers in 2019, we began shifting upper extremity surgery out of the hospital setting to deliver high quality care in the most cost-efficient manner possible. Therefore, state volume comparisons are unavailable.
RESEARCH PROFILE

Irreducible Monteggia Fracture Dislocation Secondary to an Entrapped Brachialis Tendon: A Case Report

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As published in JBJS Case Connect

Case: A 7-year-old male sustained a Monteggia fracture-dislocation. Corrective osteotomy of the ulna was performed to restore proper forearm anatomy and achieve radial head reduction. Recurrent radial head instability was noted post-operatively, and MRI indicated recurrent dislocation of the radial head with, notably, an entrapped brachialis tendon and annular ligament. Open reduction of the elbow was performed. Anatomic reduction of the radiocapitellar joint and full range of motion without instability was achieved.

Conclusions: To our knowledge, this is the first report of persistent radial head instability due to an entrapped brachialis tendon.

Post-operative axial MRI displayed the radial head anterior to the ulna with interposed brachialis tendon (red arrows). Note the normal insertion of the brachialis into the proximal ulna.

Pediatric Monteggia fractures can be difficult to diagnosis and treat; however, restoration and maintenance of ulna alignment and radial head reduction need to be achieved in a timely manner to ensure these patients do not suffer serious long-term complications.
In 2021, the foot and ankle program performed 802 surgeries including >1,400 procedures for degenerative conditions and acute injuries. With the opening of our ambulatory surgery centers in 2019, we began shifting foot and ankle surgery out of the hospital setting to deliver high quality care in the most cost-efficient manner possible. Therefore, state volume comparisons are unavailable.
The Impact of Opioid Prescribing Reduction Interventions on Prescribing Patterns Across Orthopedic Subspecialties

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Introduction: The current opioid epidemic and the contributory role of physician overprescribing of narcotics is well described. We present the results of a systematic, multi-phased approach to reducing opioid prescribing implemented at a high volume, multispecialty orthopedic practice.

Methods: A retrospective pre-post study of opioid prescriptions across 386,393 patient encounters was conducted. Multiple prescribing reduction interventions were implemented from April 2017 to April 2018. The primary outcome of average milligram morphine equivalent (MME) per patient encounter was compared between the pre-intervention cohort (patient encounters from November 2016 to March 2017) and the post intervention cohort (patient encounters from April 2017 to October 2019). Additional outcomes assessed included percent of encounters receiving an opioid prescription, compliance with prescribing guidelines and percent of encounters requiring second scripts.

Results: Implementation of the interventions resulted in an average reduction of 15.2 MME per encounter (54.5%) compared to the pre-implementation cohort (Pre: avg. MME=27.9, SD=113.6; Post: avg. MME=12.7, SD=66.1; p<.001). The number of pills per opioid prescription was reduced by 13.4 (29.5%) (Pre: avg. pill count=45.5, SD=25.1; Post: avg. pill count=32.1, SD=21.1; p<.001), and the percent of patients receiving opioids was reduced from 8.3% to 5.8% (p<.001). Prescribing compliance was evaluated for 7,664 surgical encounters, with 98.2% of prescriptions meeting stated guidelines; 5.5% of these encounters required second prescriptions. Of the nonoperative encounters requiring an opioid prescription, 99.5% were deemed compliant, defined as <500 MME per encounter, after implementation of this phase of the protocol in July 2018 (n=957), compared to 94.4% of encounters (n=2,103) prior to implementation (p<.001).

Conclusions: The use of a multi-phase approach effectively reduced the opioid prescribing patterns of a large orthopedic practice and was successful across subspecialties. This approach provides a template that other institutions may use to reduce opioid overprescribing in orthopedic practices.
LH AAMC

Osteoporosis Program

The Osteoporosis Program at Luminis Health Orthopedics was started initially in 2006 to optimize the initiation of evaluation and management of osteoporosis in a high-risk fracture patient who has suffered a fragility fracture. It has evolved and grown over the years to include all patients where evaluation of bone health is indicated.

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Dr. Christina Morganti, founder, has directed the program since its inception, as a result of her interest in exercise, aging and bone health. This started from her own interest in fitness as well as her research fellowship at the aging center at Tufts University. The program was fortunate to add another practitioner to care for osteoporosis patients, Mandy Fawcett, PA. Mandy has this same passion about bone health and successful aging that is shared with our patients.

Own the Bone

LH Orthopedics participates in the national American Orthopaedic Association Own the Bone program. In fiscal year 2021, the osteoporosis program once again received recognition as an Own the Bone Star Performer. Based on our enrollment in the national registry, this award recognizes institutions that are at least 75% compliant on 5 of 10 Own the Bone prevention measures. Our compliance rates in comparison to national benchmarks are provided on the right.

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LUMINIS HEALTH ORTHOPEDICS QUALITY

Under the oversight of our physician-led quality committee, Luminis Health Orthopedics continually monitors the quality of care delivered. Through this group multiple quality improvement initiatives and clinical pathways have been developed to ensure we provide consistent, evidence-based care. The below figure highlights our performance on 30-day quality measures in comparison to national benchmarks as captured by the ACS-NSQIP program. The orthopedic service has received the ACS-NSQIP exemplary designation as a top performer nationally for low rates of overall morbidity, UTIs, and SSIs.

In addition to participating in the NSQIP program, we have implemented a physician self-reporting program using the RL6 platform. Under this initiative, all surgeons are expected to self-report all complications. This data, which is reviewed by our clinical quality committee is essential to building a culture of transparency, learning and continual improvement at AAMC Orthopedics. As evidenced by our utilization of the system, this program has become a widely adopted mechanism for our providers to track and study our patient outcomes.

CUMULATIVE QUALITY REPORTING SUBMISSIONS (2018-2021)
LUMINIS HEALTH ORTHOPEDICS

PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOMES

Beginning in 2020, we redesigned our patient reported outcomes (PROMs) collection process with a goal of collecting PROMs at every patient encounter. Since launching with our joint and spine services in 2020 and practice-wide in May 2021, we have collected over 35,000 PROMs and now capture this data in over 50% of patient visits. The collection of this data which includes the PROMIS instruments and legacy specialty-specific outcome measures is used in clinical practice to evaluate health status and function at the point of care, and is integral to informing our quality improvement and outcomes research initiatives.
LUMINIS HEALTH DOCTOR’S COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER

With the formation of Luminis Health, we are now proud to provide orthopedic services to Doctor’s Community Medical Center in Lanham, MD. Our team of 8 providers offers comprehensive surgical and nonoperative treatment options for musculoskeletal conditions. Our team includes board certified sports medicine, total joint replacement, spine, foot and ankle, and upper extremity specialists.

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Case Volume

In 2021, we performed 1,253 surgeries across the sports medicine (hip and knee), spine, total joint replacement, upper extremity, and foot and ankle services.

Total Joint Replacement Quality Improvement Initiatives

Beginning in January 2020, the joint replacement team began focusing on standardizing our care pathways through the use of a rapid recovery protocol. To date, this has yielded significant decreases in length of stay and rates of discharge to SNF. From fiscal year 2019 to 2021 our annual rate of 0 or 1 day LOS TJRs increased from 1.8% to 52.0%, and reached a high of 86% in June 2021. Our rate of discharge to SNF reduced from 33.7% and 36.6% in fiscal year 2019 to 16.4% and 6.3% in fiscal year 2021, for THR and TKR patients respectively. In June 2021, we reached a milestone, as no primary TJR patients were discharged to SNF.
Luminis Health Physical Therapy

In addition to our nonoperative and surgical orthopedic services, Luminis Health provides comprehensive physical therapy to our community. Our 15 locations and 119 therapists see over 150,000 annual visits across Anne Arundel, Prince George’s, Queen Anne’s, and Talbot counties.

Novel Treatments or Modalities offered:
- Active Cupping
- AlterG® Anti-Gravity Treadmill™
- Blood Flow Restriction Training
- Dry Needling
- Graston Technique
- Instrument Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization (IASTM)
- Kinesio Taping
- Video Gait Analysis
- Golf Assessments
- Return to Sport Group Rehabilitation
- Osteoporosis exercise program development
- Falls Assessments
- Dance Rehabilitation

Specialty Programs:

Aquatic Therapy Program
Locations in Severna Park & Bowie provide hydrotherapy where buoyancy decreases weight bearing and lessens impact on joints and the warm water helps alleviate pain and stiffness.

PT 360 Program
Pre and post-operative home assessments and home physical therapy visits to ensure safety and comfort in one’s home.

Specialty providers
Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Orthopedic Certified Specialist, Certified Athletic Trainer, Certified Hand Therapist, Certified Falls Specialist
Education

44 total students across PT, OT, and SLP services in 2021.

Students came from leading national programs including: University of Maryland Baltimore, University of Maryland Easter Shore, Western Carolina University, George Washington University, Shenandoah University, Old Dominion University, Baylor University, Widener University, Belmont, Anne Arundel Community College, Howard Community College, Methodist University, Howard University, Trinity University, Messiah University, Towson University, Thomas Jefferson, Loyola University, Western New England College, Montgomery College

Orthopedic PT Residency Program (ABPTRFE Accredited)

The 13-month program accepting two residents per year producing expert level orthopedic clinicians who will be qualified to sit for their OCS Exam.

Research

Quality improvement and outcomes research is a core component of our Orthopedic PT Residency program. In 2021, PT residents produced original research that has been accepted leading national conferences and peer-reviewed publications.


The studies and quality improvement initiatives described in this year’s outcomes report would not be possible without the support of the team at The Center for Orthopedic Outcomes and Research (COOR). In collaboration with the COOR team, Luminis Health Orthopedics produced 41 manuscripts in leading peer-reviewed journals and presented 26 studies at regional and national meetings in fiscal years 2020-2021. In addition, our team of research coordinators oversees a portfolio of 10 active investigator initiated and industry funded clinical trials with over 200 subjects currently enrolled in studies.

Meet the Team

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Philanthropy plays a large part in supporting Luminis Health Orthopedics. Many programs including The Center for Orthopedic Outcomes and Research rely on philanthropic funding. The generous donations from donors have funded our research fellowship program, which has been in existence since 2016. This unique program offers pre-professional students the opportunity to serve in a full-time research position for one to two years prior to continuing their medical education. To date, 100% of our fellows have received offers to attend medical school, residency, or physician assistant school after completing the program.

The Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center Foundation works to raise money to support Luminis Health Orthopedics. If you are a grateful patient, or family member, and are interested in giving back or helping continue these important programs and many others, please contact Laura George at lgeorge@luminishealth.org or 443-481-4575. A gift of any size can make an impact on care for orthopedic patients in our community.
Peer-Reviewed Publications

13. Turcotte JJ, Menon N, Angeles J, Zaidi A, King PJ, MacDonald JH. A rapid recovery protocol applied to total joint arthroplasty reduced readmissions for surgical but not medical reasons over a 5-year period. HSS Journal, 2021
17. Turcotte JJ, Kelly ME, Aja JM, King PJ, MacDonald JH. Risk factors for progression to total knee arthroplasty within two years of presentation for knee osteoarthritis. Journal of Clinical Orthopaedics and Trauma 16: 257-63, 2021


32. Turcotte JJ, Menon N, Aja JM, Grover JJ, King PJ, MacDonald JH. Preoperative predictors of patients requiring inpatient admission for total hip arthroplasty following removal from the medicare inpatient-only list. J Arthroplasty: 2020


Podium Presentations


10. Turcotte J, Stone A, Fowler B, MacDonald J, Brassard M, King P. A dynamic knee extension device improves flexion contracture before total knee arthroplasty: A randomized controlled trial. Podium Presentation: Maryland Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting 2020; February 8, 2020; Annapolis, MD


15. Broda A, Turcotte J, Sanford Z, Patton C. Analysis of the Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Score as a predictor for increased risk for complication and resource utilization following spine surgeries. Podium presentation: Congress of Neurological Surgeons Spine Summit 2019 35th Annual Meeting of the Section on Disorders of the Spine and Peripheral Nerves; March 14-17, 2019; Miami, FL


Poster Presentations


12. Menon, N., Aja, J., MacDonald, J., King, P., Turcotte J. Impact of preoperative intra-articular injection on infection rates following total knee arthroplasty: An analysis of over 19,000 patients. Poster presentation at Maryland Orthopaedic Association Annual Meeting 2020; February 8, 2020; Annapolis, MD.


**CLINICAL TRIALS**

**Currently Enrolling**

**Smith & Nephew**
- Prospective, multi-center, post-market clinical followup study to evaluate safety and performance of the MICRORAPTOR™ Knotless REGENESORB™ Suture Anchor in shoulder and hip repair  
  **PI:** Benjamin Petre, MD
- Prospective multi-center study comparing REGENETEN in lieu of standard arthroscopic repair of high-grade (>50%) partial-thickness tears  
  **PI:** Daniel Redziniak, MD

**KCI (3M)**
- Evaluating edema and range of motion using negative pressure therapy vs. standard surgical dressing in bilateral TKA (ENABLE)  
  **PI:** Marc Brassard, MD

**Firstkind Ltd.**
- Cross therapy registry – edema post market clinical follow-up of safety and patient outcomes for subjects undergoing peroneal nerve stimulation by geko™  
  **PI:** Paul King, MD

**Investigator Initiated**
- Pain after Preoperative Ultrasound Guided Hip Injections for Total Hip Arthroplasty (PUSH)  
  **PI:** Paul King, MD
- Variability in running form of adolescent athletes as measured by video gait analysis  
  **PI:** Christina Morganti, MD

**Long Term Follow-up**

**Depuy**
- Short, medium and long term survivorship of Attune™ Primary Total Knee Prostheses  
  **PI:** Paul King, MD

**Smith & Nephew**
- Prospective, non-randomized, single cohort, multicenter study to evaluate the clinical outcomes of total knee arthroplasty (TKA) using the JOURNEY™ II CR Total Knee System  
  **PI:** Jim MacDonald, MD
- Post-Approval study of the R3 Biolox Delta Ceramic Acetabular System – United States  
  **PI:** Jim MacDonald, MD
- A prospective, multicenter, post-market clinical follow-up study to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of the JOURNEY II XR Total Knee System  
  **PI:** Jim MacDonald, MD
MISSION, VISION, VALUES

The foundation for Luminis Health is its mission, vision, values, and strategic framework. These are the fundamental principles by which we serve, defining both who we are and who we aspire to be. The mission, vision, and values for Luminis Health were derived from both AAHS and DCHS. Our Luminis Health mission, vision, and values foundation defines us, our priorities, and drives us to aspire to the highest level of achievement through a shared understanding of Luminis Health.

Our mission is our purpose, our vision represents our future, and our values serve as our guideposts. Our values are brought to life daily in the behaviors and attitudes we exhibit and the choices and decisions we make. They serve as a beacon to guide Luminis Health in allocating resources, in drafting policies and procedures, and responding to daily and long-term situations.

MISSION
To enhance the health of the people and communities we serve

VISION
LIVING HEALTHIER TOGETHER
- Health and wellness are fundamental to everyone
- We work side-by-side with our community and patients to empower them to take control of their health
- Partnerships and connectivity form the foundation for care
- Evidence-based care is centered around people and family
- Access to care should be refreshingly easy
- Luminis Health will generate a positive impact for all

VALUES
RISE: Respect, Inclusion, Service, and Excellence
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