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Memorial Opens Comprehensive Hernia Center

PAWTUCKET – Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island has opened The Comprehensive Hernia Center, led by surgeons **PETER S. GILL, MD, FACS**, surgeon-in-chief at Memorial, and **ALFREDO C. CORDOVA, MD**, both members of Affinity Physicians, an affiliate of Care New England Health System. The center offers highly specialized care for people with all types of hernias, including all the latest treatments in hernia surgery, to ensure the best possible outcomes.

"This is the only place where a patient with a hernia can find expert surgical care as well as access to a comprehensive group of medical professionals, including wound care specialists, nutritionists, physical therapists, pain service specialists, gastroenterologists and diagnostic imaging specialists," Dr. Gill explains.

"Surgery isn't always the answer. Some patients may feel relief from dietary changes or other lifestyle modifications," adds Dr. Cordova, who is Spanish speaking. "We provide both medical and surgical approaches to caring for all types of abdominal cavity hernias and carefully tailor the approach to each patient's needs."

Both doctors are part of the American Hernia Society Quality Collaborative and specialize in the most advanced minimally invasive techniques. ❖

Total Joint Center at Miriam Awarded Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval

PROVIDENCE – The Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for its total knee and total hip replacement programs. The certification recognizes the Total Joint Center's compliance with national standards for health care quality and safety in a disease-specific care set by The Joint Commission. It also acknowledges the center's dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission's state-of-the-art standards.

"Achieving The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval is a terrific show of support for the unprecedented integrated way we deliver total joint replacement surgery at The Miriam Hospital," said **JOHN A. FROELICH, MD**, program director. "In using the most advanced technologies and with our ongoing commitment to meeting high standards, the Total Joint Center reflects our dedication to providing exceptional multi-faceted medical and surgical services, and personalized, patient-centered care."

To receive this designation, The Miriam Hospital's Total Joint Center recently underwent a rigorous on-site review that evaluated its compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients and families, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management. Certification requirements address three core areas: compliance with consensus-based national standards; effective use of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care; and an organized approach to performance measurement and improvement activities.

Now in its third year, the Total Joint Center at The Miriam Hospital is a program of the Orthopedic Institute at Rhode Island and The Miriam hospitals that focuses on patient education, patient satisfaction, exceptional surgical technique and nursing care, and consistent post-operative therapy in a welcoming, comforting setting. The center invests in the most advanced and current technologies and equipment to meet high targets on quality measures. More than 1,300 joint procedures were performed in 2013. ❖