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**Truman Medical Center Lakewood Becomes First in Kansas City to
Achieve Certification for Hip and Knee Joint Replacement
from The Joint Commission**

Kansas City, MO – [Truman Medical Center](#) (TMC) Lakewood has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for its Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Programs by demonstrating compliance with The Joint Commission’s national standards for health care quality and safety in disease-specific care. The certification award recognizes TMC Lakewood’s dedication to continuous compliance with The Joint Commission’s state-of-the-art standards.

“With TMC Lakewood earning Joint Commission certification, the first in the Kansas City area for hip and knee joint replacement, it shows the significant investment in quality and excellence of care our orthopaedics program makes,” said TMC orthopaedic surgeon Tom McCormack, MD. “This is just another example of how TMC strives to provide top quality care, in a state-of-the-art environment with excellent clinical outcomes.”

To achieve this certification, TMC Lakewood underwent a rigorous on-site review in June. A Joint Commission expert evaluated these programs for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients and families, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

" TMC Lakewood has demonstrated its commitment to the highest level of care for its patients needing hip and/or knee joint replacement," says Jean Range, M.S., R.N., C.P.H.Q. executive director, Disease-Specific Care Certification, The Joint Commission. “Certification is a voluntary process and I commend TMC Lakewood for successfully

undertaking this challenge to elevate its standard of care and instill confidence in the community it serves.”

The Joint Commission’s Disease-Specific Care Certification Program, launched in 2002, and is designed to evaluate clinical programs across the continuum of care. 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.

About TMC

Truman Medical Centers is a not-for-profit, two acute-care hospital health system in Kansas City. The TMC Health System includes TMC Hospital Hill, TMC Lakewood, TMC Behavioral Health, the Jackson County Health Department and a number of primary care practices throughout Eastern Jackson County. TMC is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy and specializes in Chronic Disease Management, high risk pregnancies, orthopaedics, trauma services, and women’s health. For more information, please call (816) 404-3785 or visit at www.trumed.org or on [Facebook](#).

About The Joint Commission

An independent, not-for-profit organization, The Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. Learn more about The Joint Commission at www.jointcommission.org. Founded in 1951, The Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

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