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Morristown Memorial's Joint Replacement Program Receives Gold Seal of Approval Joint Commission Awards Prestigious Certification to Hip, Knee Replacement Programs

MORRISTOWN, NJ March 10, 2008 – Morristown Memorial Hospital announced today it has become one of only 16 health care organizations nationwide to be awarded the Gold Seal of Approval™ from the Joint Commission, achieving Disease-Specific Care Certification for its joint replacement program in the hip and knee categories.

Disease-Specific Care Certification — a nationally-recognized stamp of approval — demonstrates that the hospital's program for hip and knee replacement is patient-centered, comprehensive and well developed. It also means that patients who require hip or knee replacement can expect better outcomes at Morristown Memorial.

"This certification is a reflection of the excellent level of care that we've always provided and an affirmation from a national accrediting organization that our program is exceptional," said William Dowling, MD, chair of orthopedics for Atlantic Health, parent organization for Morristown Memorial and Overlook hospitals.

Morristown Memorial performs more than 1,200 joint replacement surgeries each year, representing the second highest volume in New Jersey. The hospital's [total joint program](#) cares for adult patients with joint pain and damage resulting in loss of motion and decreased weight-bearing capacity.

The hospital also was designated as a UnitedHealth Premium Total Joint Replacement Center by UnitedHealthcare. Qualifying programs must be fully integrated across multiple areas to ensure superior outcomes for patients, from pre-surgical patient education to specialized perioperative teams to comprehensive post-acute rehabilitation services.

About Morristown Memorial Hospital

Part of Atlantic Health, atlanticealth.org, Morristown Memorial is a non-profit 629-licensed-bed hospital in Morristown, NJ. Morristown Memorial's specialties include cardiology and cardiac surgery, adult and pediatric oncology, critical and emergency care and inpatient rehabilitation and neonatal intensive care services. Morristown Memorial is also a Level II Regional Trauma Center and a Level III Regional Perinatal Center. Home to the largest cardiac surgery center in the state, Morristown's other services include the Goryeb Children's Hospital, Carol G. Simon Cancer Center, and Atlantic Rehabilitation Institute. In 2008, Atlantic Health will complete the new Gagnon Heart Hospital, a 250,000 square-foot facility that will consolidate all cardiovascular services at Morristown Memorial Hospital. Morristown Memorial is designated as a Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing Service, the highest level of recognition by American Nurses Credentialing Center available to facilities that provide acute care services. Atlantic Health also includes Overlook Hospital in Summit. Atlantic Health is the primary academic and clinical affiliate in New Jersey of Mount Sinai School of Medicine and The Mount Sinai Hospital. The hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission.

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