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### **Saint Francis Hospital Breaks Ground on New Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center**

**HARTFORD, Conn. (Sept. 14, 2018)** -- Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center's executive leadership team, accompanied by Lighthouse Surgeons and several local and state leaders, broke ground Friday on a new Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center. The groundbreaking took place at 129 Woodland Street in Hartford, the future site of the center.

The new center is a joint venture between Saint Francis Hospital, Lighthouse Surgeons, a group of orthopedic and spine surgeons, and Woodland Anesthesiology Associates. The 35,000 square foot, \$26.2 million Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center is set to house six orthopedic operating rooms, each with video integration, a designated pain management procedure room, a 26 bay pre- and post-operative patient care area, a physical therapy space, and a thoughtfully planned welcome reception space that focuses on both the patient and their family's needs.

"The Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center marks a significant step in the evolution of outpatient orthopedic surgery and allows us to further meet the needs of this growing population of patients," said John Rodis, M.D., President of Saint Francis Hospital. "The center will serve orthopedic surgical patients in need of sports-related injury repairs, spine surgical patients, and provide unique services in pain management, all under one roof, in a same-day care setting."

The new ambulatory surgical center will offer same-day services for a wide range of sports injuries, including ACL repairs and other knee ligament reconstructions, upper and lower extremity fracture repairs, reconstructive and restorative arthroscopic shoulder procedures, arthroscopic hip procedures. It will also meet the surgical needs for patients with foot, ankle, hand and wrist injuries. The center will also have the capability to support full joint replacement surgeries and provide our spine patients with optimal outpatient surgical services. Additionally, the center will be home to our world class team of anesthesiologists, who lead the industry in pain management services and procedures.

"It was not long ago that patients had to spend several days in the hospital for a spine or joint replacement surgery, but thanks to our incredible team of surgeons and innovative technology we now have thousands of joint replacement patients able to go home within 23 hours of surgery," said Dr. Rodis. "The Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center will only add to the number of patients we are able to provide top quality, same-day surgical services."

Saint Francis is once again teaming up with The S-L-A-M Collaborative and S-L-A-M Construction Services who have provided a design build for the project. Saint Francis most recently worked with SLAM on the

construction of the Connecticut Institute for Primary Care Innovation located on the hospital's main campus.

The Orthopedic and Spine Surgery Center is expected to open its doors by early 2020.

### **About Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center**

Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center has been an anchor institution in north central Connecticut since 1897. In 2015, Saint Francis became part of Trinity Health Of New England, a member of Trinity Health, one of the largest multi-institutional Catholic health care delivery systems in the nation. Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center is licensed for 617 beds, is a major teaching hospital and the largest Catholic hospital in New England. Other Saint Francis entities include the Comprehensive Women's Health Center, the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute, the Curtis D. Robinson Center for Health Equity, the Hoffman Heart and Vascular Institute of Connecticut, the Smilow Cancer Hospital Yale-New Haven at Saint Francis, and Trinity Health Of New England Medical Group. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @SaintFrancisCT