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# **Memorial Hermann Acquires Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic**

## **Purchase Strengthens Hospital's Orthopedic Presence in southwest and west corridors**

**HOUSTON (January 4, 2012)** – Memorial Hermann has acquired Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic (RBJ) in a move that further strengthens the organization's orthopedic network and adds additional specialty clinics to its growing roster, as well as builds on the hospital's groundbreaking clinical integration initiative to bring medical staff physicians together in a common commitment to quality care and accountability.

"As a hospital system, we are preparing for the onset of healthcare reform," said Dan Wolterman, President and CEO of Memorial Hermann. "A critical component of that process is identifying physician groups that align with Memorial Hermann's culture of emphasizing safety and providing the high quality care that our patients have come to expect.

"Memorial Hermann Medical Group has been strategically leading the way in identifying talented, respected and clinically-integrated physician groups like Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic," Wolterman continued. "As a result, MHMG is experiencing tremendous growth. We are pleased to have a high-caliber group such as RBJ join the Memorial Hermann family. It represents a win-win for both Memorial Hermann and our patients."

RBJ, one of the most highly-regarded orthopedic groups in the Houston region, offers an extensive range of orthopedic specialties such as general orthopedics and sports medicine, pediatric orthopedics, spine surgery, hand and wrist and foot and ankle replacement, pain management, and rehabilitation. The group is comprised of physicians nationally known for contributing to advances in orthopedic medicine through published articles, research studies and innovative new treatments.

"This is a mutually-beneficial partnership," said Juliet Breeze, M.D., CEO of RBJ. "We will bring our extensive clinical expertise and knowledge of orthopedic medicine to Memorial Hermann and help to grow its orthopedic presence, particularly in the southwest region near its Sugar Land and Southwest hospitals. Moreover, we are aligning with one of the most innovative and clinically-integrated healthcare systems in the country. Our network of doctors and patients will benefit greatly being teamed with a system that is so forward-looking when it comes to medicine and quality care."

More than 15 physicians at the newly named clinics – Richmond Bone & Joint Clinic at Memorial Hermann – will align with other Memorial Hermann affiliated physician groups like UTHealth’s Department of Orthopedic Surgery to deliver safe, high-quality and results-driven orthopedic care to patients living in and around Richmond, Katy and Sugar Land.

“Our patients will receive the same personal and progressive care they’ve come to expect from their trusted physicians and clinical staff,” added Dr. Breeze.

RBJ is already a member of the [Memorial Hermann Information Exchange](#) (MHiE), an innovative program that significantly improves transitions of care, safety and quality by putting patient health data at the fingertips of authorized caregivers. MHiE, the first health information exchange of its kind in Houston, utilizes a secure, encrypted electronic network to integrate and house patients’ digital medical records so they are easily accessible to its members.

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#### **About Memorial Hermann Medical Group**

An affiliate of Memorial Hermann, one of the most respected health systems in the nation, Memorial Hermann Medical Group was established in 2006. Memorial Hermann Medical Group brings together many of Houston’s leading physicians under one umbrella organization. The individual and group practices that comprise Memorial Hermann Medical Group represent primary care physicians and specialists who share a common vision – to provide the highest level of quality care to their patients. Memorial Hermann Medical Group provides members with business services such as billing, collections, insurance reimbursement contracts, medical records maintenance and information technology, allowing physicians to spend more time providing exceptional patient care. The Group is governed by a physician board.

#### **About Memorial Hermann**

An integrated health system, Memorial Hermann is known for world-class clinical expertise, patient-centered care, leading edge technology, and innovation. The system, with its exceptional medical staff and more than 20,000 employees, serves southeast Texas and the greater Houston community. Memorial Hermann’s 13 hospitals include three hospitals in the Texas Medical Center, including a level 1 trauma center, a hospital for children and a rehabilitation hospital; a hospital for women at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center; a rehabilitation hospital in Katy; and eight suburban hospitals. The system also operates three Heart & Vascular Institute locations, the Mischer Neuroscience Institute, the Ironman Sports Medicine Institute, an air ambulance, cancer, imaging and surgery centers, sports medicine and rehabilitation centers, outpatient laboratories, a wellness center, a chemical dependency treatment center, a home health agency, a retirement community and a nursing home. To learn more, visit [www.memorialhermann.org](http://www.memorialhermann.org).