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*Providence Hospital becomes the First Aetna Institute of Quality® (IOQ) Orthopedic Care Facility in DC*

Washington, DC – Providence Hospital was designated as an [Aetna Institute of Quality® \(IOQ\) Orthopedic Care Facility – Total Joint Replacement](#) on July 8, 2010, becoming the first and only in the district to receive this honor. This certification designates the hospital as a comprehensive orthopedic treatment center that provides both inpatient and outpatient procedures. Aetna selects hospitals and facilities in the Aetna network as “Institutes of Quality” based upon an evaluation of the clinical performance and overall value of the facilities, taking into consideration patient access to high-quality, cost-effective care and distinguished performance for health services that are critical to patients.

*“This is a great accomplishment for Providence Hospital and the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and we are pleased to be recognized as an Institute of Quality® by Aetna. This designation gives us the opportunity to grow and serve a greater number of patients with state-of-the-art quality orthopedic care. It also reflects the team effort of our orthopedic staff to provide medical care with excellent patient outcomes,” said Dr. E. Anthony Rankin, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at Providence Hospital and Past President of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.*

[Providence Hospital's Orthopedic Services](#) offers comprehensive orthopedic care for all patients, from young adults to geriatrics. Providence provides a full range of services specifically devoted to the prevention and care of musculoskeletal disorders and any disease or injury to muscles, bones, joints and supporting connective tissue. The range of orthopedic services includes joint replacement, reconstruction, hand, and upper extremity orthopedics.

**About Providence Hospital** - Founded in 1861, Providence Hospital is the longest continuously operating hospital in the Nation's Capital. Its strengths in medicine, surgery, and diagnostics blend with its values and commitment to human dignity to serve the whole community. Providence is part of [Ascension Health](#), the nation's largest Catholic and nonprofit health system, committed to Healthcare that is Safe, Healthcare that Works and Healthcare that leaves no one behind.

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