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Williamson Medical Center partners with Vanderbilt's orthopaedic residency program

FRANKLIN, Tenn. – Williamson Medical Center has started a new chapter in its long history as a community-focused hospital by welcoming its first resident physician earlier this month.

Fourth-year orthopaedic resident, Philip To, M.D., from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, began his training at WMC on July 1, under the direction and supervision of Vanderbilt Bone and Joint physicians.

“Residents in Vanderbilt’s orthopaedic program will greatly benefit from spending time at Williamson Medical Center,” says WMC chief of staff Starling Evins, M.D., F.A.C.S. “WMC is not a teaching hospital, but residents who are about to enter into private practice can learn a great deal from us about day-to-day operations of a successful orthopaedics program.”

About 650 total joint replacement surgeries are performed at Williamson Medical Center every year. Two of WMC’s world-class orthopaedic surgeons have served on national research teams to develop instruments and protocols for minimally invasive surgical procedures.

“The Vanderbilt Bone and Joint physicians and WMC provide excellent patient care, and we want our residents to see that kind of care and dedication,” says Ginger Holt, M.D., associate professor of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. “Working with an Olympic team physician is one of the unique things we cannot provide at Vanderbilt, and we are fortunate to now have that opportunity.”

On a 10-week rotation, one resident at a time from Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s orthopaedic residency program will be studying at WMC. Residents will be directly supervised by a VBJ/WMC orthopaedic surgeon and will be assisting at surgery. They will not see patients independently or write orders or prescriptions.

Williamson Medical Center is a 185-bed hospital fully accredited by The Joint Commission that provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient care including emergency services, with credentialed physicians in 53 specialties and sub-specialties. The community-focused hospital offers a wide range of wellness services, screenings and classes. For more information about Williamson Medical Center, visit williamsonmedicalcenter.org.

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