Our Mission and a History of Excellence

The University of Florida Orthopaedic Surgery program first began in 1960 as a division of the Department of Surgery. In 1975 the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery achieved full departmental status. From our beginning in 1960, the University of Florida Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation program has earned a reputation for excellence in research, teaching and clinical care. Our commitment to patient health care motivates every aspect of our efforts, from the bedside to the classroom to the research lab. The foundation of our department is built on two outstanding institutions: the University of Florida, a top 20 public university and Shands Healthcare, one of the Southeast's premier health systems.

Our Mission

The University of Florida [1] College of Medicine [2] strives to improve health care in Florida, our nation, and the world through excellence and consistently superior leadership in education, clinical care, education, discovery, and service. As the southeast's premiere institute for bone and joint disorders, The University of Florida Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation Program, we hope that people will choose us for comprehensive care, excellent customer experiences, and outstanding outcomes.

A History of UF Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation from our 50th Anniversary.

Strategic Priorities

- Serving as a hub for innovative and translational research

- Serving as the primary institute for teaching future healthcare clinicians, therapists and specialists

- Offering the widest spectrum of the latest musculoskeletal clinical services

Ongoing Initiatives

- Consistently satisfactory patient experiences at our facility and wherever we provide our service

- Timely access to our entire spectrum of orthopaedic sub-specialties

- A culture of accountability in ensuring and recognizing patient outcomes

- Actively participate in state and national conferences and associations in a spirit of innovation and advancement
- Ensure referring physician processes are seamless and straightforward

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