UF Ortho Adult Arthroplasty service has achieved the highest possible quality category for its care of Medicare patients undergoing hip and knee replacement surgery

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The Adult Arthroplasty Service at UF Health Orthopaedics has achieved the highest possible quality category for its care of Medicare patients undergoing hip and knee replacement surgery. This distinction is achieved by a small number of the >800 hospitals nationally participating in Medicare’s Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) program who demonstrate sustained excellence, over years, in patient care and outcomes throughout these major surgeries.
Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model

The Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model aims to support better and more efficient care for beneficiaries undergoing the most common inpatient surgeries for Medicare beneficiaries: hip and knee replacements (also called lower extremity joint replacements or LEJR). This model tests bundled payment and quality measurement for an episode of care associated with hip and knee replacements to encourage hospitals, physicians, and post-acute care providers to work together to improve the quality and coordination of care from the initial hospitalization through recovery. This model was implemented and modified through notice and comment rulemaking and the relevant proposed and final rules are linked at the bottom of this page. The model began on April 1, 2016 and will run through December 31, 2020. As of February 1, 2018 approximately 465 IPPS hospitals in 67 different MSAs are participating in this CJR model.

Surgeons within the division of Adult Arthroplasty have overseen optimization of multidisciplinary care involving all the very capable teams involved in every facet of care. These efforts have helped patients to recover more quickly at home, require less narcotic pain medications, and have lower complication rates, emergency room visits, readmissions and reoperations, while improving patient satisfaction and outcomes.

The Arthroplasty division has been invited to present their work at two national CMS Webinars to share best practices related to this multidisciplinary care redesign as well as opioid reduction. Congratulations to the entire team!

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