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Dr. James Koren, Jr. Joins Plymouth General Surgery

PLYMOUTH, N.H. --- Speare Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. James Koren, Jr., a general surgeon joining Plymouth General Surgery. Working in partnership with Dr. Joseph Casey, Dr. Koren brings experience in advanced laparoscopic procedures including complicated hernias, colon resections, stomach ulcers and a procedure for heartburn/reflux.



"Laparoscopic surgery allows people to heal more rapidly, spend less time in the hospital and return to their hobbies quicker," explains Dr. Koren. "Laparoscopic surgical techniques have been rapidly evolving over the past 25 years to where larger medical centers can do most elective surgeries through this less invasive approach, and what Plymouth General Surgery can now offer to the central New Hampshire community. Even though this type of surgery is less invasive, it is important to remember that surgery is carefully evaluated in each case, and is usually not the first line of treatment."

A practicing general surgeon since 2001, Dr. Koren's move to Plymouth was motivated by his desire to return to his rural roots, be closer to family and practice medicine in a way that allows him to develop a relationship with patients and help improve their quality of life.

Dr. Koren grew up in a small town north of Youngstown, Ohio. The opportunity at Speare Memorial Hospital matched up with his goal of living and raising his own family in a smaller, more rural community. He says, "We are centralizing our family in New Hampshire. I have a sister who lives in Manchester and my parents are relocating here as well. I am a 20 minute commute to the hospital by foot, and get to have a small hobby farm."

Before coming to Speare Memorial Hospital, Dr. Koren worked at Easton Hospital in Easton, Pa. He received his doctorate from The Ohio State University and completed his surgical residency at Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Youngstown, followed by a fellowship at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J.

Plymouth General Surgery is accepting new patients and appointments can be made by calling (603) 536-5670. The office is located in medical office building adjacent to Speare Memorial Hospital above Oliver Drug.

Speare Memorial Hospital is a 24-hour, acute care, non-profit community hospital and health care provider serving Plymouth and the communities of central New Hampshire for more than a century.

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