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SMH Introduces New Orthopedic Practice, Welcomes New Surgeon

PLYMOUTH, N.H.--- Speare Memorial Hospital is pleased to welcome orthopedic surgeon Dr. Michael Giovan to the medical staff. Dr. Giovan fills the position left vacant by Dr. Scibetta's departure in 2007.

Dr. Giovan comes to Speare Memorial Hospital from Woodland, Calif., where he worked at an orthopedic practice specializing in shoulder, knee and elbow surgery. He obtained his Doctor of Medicine from George Washington University School of Medicine, and did his internship and residency at Maricopa Medical Center Orthopaedic Training Program in Phoenix, Ariz. Dr. Giovan also completed a fellowship in Shoulder and Elbow/Sports Medicine at The Core Institute in Sun City West, Ariz.



"We are thrilled to have successfully recruited Dr. Giovan to our community, when he had the chance to pursue appointments in other, more urban settings," says SMH President and CEO Michelle McEwen, FACHE. "Dr. Giovan is a skilled surgeon with a sports medicine specialty who found Speare to be a good fit professionally and personally."

Dr. Giovan agrees, saying, "Speare is a nice fit in terms of my skill set, practice size and the kind of care I want to provide. My wife's family lives in the area and I had vacationed here a number of times. Central New Hampshire offers the lifestyle and educational opportunities we want for our children."

Plymouth Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic Introduced

The arrival of Dr. Giovan signals a new era in orthopedic medicine in central New Hampshire. Dr. Giovan has joined Dr. Victor Gennaro in a newly formed practice owned by Speare Memorial Hospital: Plymouth Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic. The practice is located at 15 Town West Road, formally Cottage Orthopedics.

Together, Dr. Giovan and Dr. Gennaro offer the full range of orthopedic service and specialty care including: fractures, joint replacement, shoulders, occupational injuries, sports medicine and

spinal surgery. "We compliment one another," explains Dr. Gennaro. "Working together we can expand the breadth of orthopedic service, ease of follow-up and, most importantly, provide sophisticated high level care right here in Plymouth." Dr. Gennaro adds that so much is happening in orthopedics all the time, and together he and Dr. Giovan can share and develop best practices.

McEwen echoes Dr. Gennaro's comments saying, "By bringing all services under one practice we can offer patients improved coordination of orthopedic care, efficiency and responsiveness to patient needs."

Previously Dr. Gennaro worked as a solo practitioner through Cottage Orthopedics. He is a Diplomate with with American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He received his Doctor of Osteopathy from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at Metropolitan Hospital, Central Division, in Philadelphia. Dr. Gennaro has been a member of the Speare Memorial Hospital medical staff since 1995.

He says as a solo practitioner he was limited by time, money and personnel by which to achieve goals and offer service. The opportunity to join Dr. Giovan in a hospital owned practice was attractive in that it offers more physician support and enhances patient care.

Dr. Giovan explains, "As orthopedic surgeons we rely on a lot of auxiliary services that affect the ultimate outcome for our patients. Because the patient makes the contract with us, we are the representative for the whole 'package' of care. Being fully engaged with the hospital and service providers at all levels ensures a comprehensive approach to musculoskeletal care and raises the level of expectation for our patients."

Both Dr. Giovan and Dr. Gennaro are accepting new patients. Call Plymouth Orthopedics & Sports Medicine Clinic at (603) 536-1565 to make an appointment.

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