

Contact: Ashlee Cheesbro Marketing Manager FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<u>The Future of Hand-Held, Robotics-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery Has Launched at</u> <u>Highland District Hospital</u>



HIGHLAND DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Hillsboro, Ohio, August 12, 2020- Highland District Hospital is pleased to announce the arrival of the robotics-assisted CORI[™] Surgical System from global medical device maker, Smith+Nephew. The addition of the robotics-assisted solution for knee replacements expands the orthopedic service line capabilities locally, and compliments the leading edge surgical suites designed and completed as part of Building Expansion Project 2020. Recognized as the most advanced and efficient hand-held, robotics-assisted solution for knee replacements in the world, the CORI[™] Surgical System represents a new chapter in total robotics-assisted knee replacements for patients who come to Highland District Hospital. "With any total knee arthroplasty surgery, final placement of the implant is critical to providing both the function and longevity that today's patients expect," said Dr. Alex Renshaw, with Highland Advanced Orthopedics & Sports Medicine. "With the CORI system I'm able to see real-time data throughout the surgery that is designed to help place each implant in the optimal location based on each patient's unique anatomy." The robotics-assisted system provides patients the ultimate knee replacement experience, and represents a new chapter in robotics-assisted procedures.

"This system is the first step in the launch of robotics-assisted surgeries at Highland District Hospital, and meets the needs of our patients who are not only asking for more accessible, quality care, but are seeking innovative technologies to assist in their care," stated President & CEO, Randal Lennartz. The minimally invasive, robotics-assisted technology boasts customized 3D digital models of each patient's knee used to determine where the implant should be placed to provide the optimal function to the patient with the potential for a faster recovery- all resulting in a greater outcome for the patient.

Tim Parry, Vice President of Operations added, "Even though we are a rural hospital, we recognize that our patients are savvy. They request best practice options such as robotics-assisted surgeries and will travel long distances for those surgical options. The goal for our orthopedic program was to offer those solutions to patients- right here- and we have done that." Highland District Hospital's investment in patient care options creates a sophisticated and exceptionally safe environment that benefits the patient and their recovery. Those investments include the expanded orthopedic capabilities in robotics-assisted surgery, combined with advanced surgical technologies, and the upcoming opening and expansion of private inpatient rooms on the new medical/surgical unit. Additionally, these services partner with an intensive, inpatient rehabilitation program, with the final compliment to robust care being the move of off-site, outpatient rehabilitation services to on-campus rehabilitative care. "The continuum of care- from surgery day to outpatient rehabilitation- has been considered, enhanced, and advanced," assured Parry.

To learn more about hand-held, robotics-assisted surgery, visit www.hdh.org.



Individual results may vary. The CORI system is not for everyone. Children, pregnant women, patients who have mental or neuromuscular disorders that do not allow control of the knee joint, and morbidly obese patients should not undergo a CORI procedure. Knee replacement surgery is intended to relieve knee pain and improve knee functions. However, implants may not produce the same feel or function as your original knee. There are potential risks with knee replacement surgery such as loosening, fracture, dislocation, wear and infection that may result in the need for additional surgery. Longevity of implants depends on many factors, such as types of activities and weight. This information is for educational purposes only and is not intended as medical advice. Consult your physician for details to determine if CORI roboticsassisted procedure is right for you.

Forward-looking Statements

This document may contain forward-looking statements that may or may not prove accurate. For example, statements regarding expected revenue growth and trading margins, market trends and our product pipeline are forward-looking statements. Phrases such as "aim", "plan", "intend", "anticipate", "well-placed", "believe", "estimate", "expect", "target", "consider" and similar expressions are generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from what is expressed or implied by the statements. For Smith & Nephew, these factors include: economic and financial conditions in the markets we serve, especially those affecting health care providers, payers and customers; price levels for established and innovative medical devices; developments in medical technology; regulatory approvals, reimbursement decisions or other government actions; product defects or recalls or other problems with quality management systems or failure to comply with related regulations; litigation relating to patent or other claims; legal compliance risks and related investigative, remedial or enforcement actions; disruption to our supply chain or operations or those of our suppliers; competition for qualified personnel; strategic actions, including acquisitions and dispositions, our success in performing due diligence, valuing and integrating acquired businesses; disruption that may result from transactions or other changes we make in our business plans or organization to adapt to market developments; and numerous other matters that affect us or our markets, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or reputational nature. Please refer to the documents that Smith & Nephew has filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including Smith & Nephew's most recent annual report on Form 20-F, for a discussion of certain of these factors. Any forward-looking statement is based on information available to Smith & Nephew as of the date of the statement. All written or oral forward-looking statements attributable to Smith & Nephew are qualified by this caution. Smith & Nephew does not undertake any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in circumstances or in Smith & Nephew's expectations.

^o Trademark of Smith & Nephew. Certain marks registered US Patent and Trademark Office.