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The Future of Hand-Held, Robotics-Assisted Orthopedic Surgery Has Launched at 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](http://www.hdh.org).

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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 robotics-assisted procedure is right for you.

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