

Welcome to Sah Orthopaedic Associates at the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research (IJRR) at Washington Hospital. We are here to provide you with state-of-the-art joint replacement care in a highly personal and compassionate manner. We are also committed to advancing our field through clinical research and education. The teaching that we do involves refinement of skills for surgeons who come to visit, presentation of our data at national educational meetings, and publication of our research. Our data benefits not only our own patients, but also patients of other surgeons around the globe.

The IJRR is a research-oriented program that manages the care of the majority of patients having joint replacement surgery at Washington Hospital. Institute patients understand that they are receiving the most state-of-the-art joint replacement surgery available anywhere in the world. The perioperative care follows a set of research protocols, which are continuously adjusted based on our current research to achieve the most reliable outcomes. There is no additional cost to patients for their participation in the research activities of the IJRR.

Patients having joint replacement surgery at Washington Hospital outside of the IJRR also receive excellent care, but are not managed under the IJRR research umbrella. Since non-IJRR surgical patients do not have the same surgical methods or perioperative management protocols employed, they are not managed on the same inpatient unit as the IJRR patients to avoid confusion and streamline the care of both patient groups.

### **Patient Understanding to Enroll in IJRR**

As a patient of the Institute for Joint Restoration and Research at Washington Hospital, I understand the advanced research protocols and data collection that make being an IJRR patient distinctly different from other patients having joint replacement surgery at Washington Hospital or elsewhere. I understand that neither my name nor any other personal information that might identify me will be published in any way and that prior to enrollment in clinical trials I will receive specific information regarding the study as well as the opportunity to opt out.

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