

The Joint Solutions Center



DeKalb Medical
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Pushing Beyond®

Imagine life with less pain. Now imagine having the kind of flexibility that gives you the ability to do the things you love again. At DeKalb Medical, it's not a dream. It's what the surgeons at the Joint Solutions Center are dedicated to helping you achieve.

Whether your hip or knee pain is the result of "wear and tear," an injury or something more serious like rheumatoid arthritis, we can help restore function, reduce pain and get you *back in the game of life again*.

Nationally Acclaimed Orthopedics Program

Designed to get you in, out, and up and going as quickly as possible — typically within three days — DeKalb Medical's Joint Solutions Center (JSC) is the only joint replacement center of its kind in Atlanta.

Housed inside one of the top hospitals in the nation, the JSC is also a designated Blue Distinction Center for Knee and Hip Replacement by Blue Cross Blue Shield. *What does this mean for you?* It means that you'll receive exemplary care from an experienced joint replacement team that delivers superior outcomes.

"What surprised me the most was I was able to get up and walk the day after surgery. Two weeks later, there was no more walker and no more cane."

Emma Peterson, age 58

Expert Orthopedic Teams



With an orthopedic program that is ranked in the top 10% of the nation by HealthGrades® (2010)*, the JSC is home to highly skilled surgeons and high-tech solutions that will ensure your satisfaction. Using your MRI or X-ray, your doctor will choose an implant that is compatible with your anatomy and active lifestyle.

At the JSC, every single member of our team has been specially trained in caring for patients who have undergone joint replacement and can expertly tend to your needs. From our orthopedists to our nurses, physical and occupational therapists, social workers and volunteers, our entire focus is on helping you achieve maximum mobility.

*HealthGrades is the nation's leading healthcare ratings organization

Everything You Need

From the day you decide to have surgery until the day you head home, we've thought of everything you'll need at the Joint Solutions Center. Things like pairing you with your own personal recovery "coach" and a Joint Care Coordinator who will work with you and your doctor to coordinate your entire care experience and answer all of your questions.

Every Step of the Way

Our care team will be with you every step of the way to ensure a successful surgery and satisfying experience. While at the JSC, you can expect the comforts of home along with a few extras like:

- Unlimited visiting hours with your coach
- Wearing your own clothes (no hospital gowns)
- Your own chef in the Walkers' Café
- Recuperating in a room with oversized recliners
- Educational classes for you and your coach
- Daily walks on our 3,500-foot Georgia Sightseer Tour
- Group therapy in our Joint Gym
- Relaxing on our rooftop garden patio
- Gift shop with sundries and after-surgery aids
- A reunion luncheon 8-12 weeks after surgery

Just a few of the reasons why patients leave happier and healthier for having their experience at DeKalb Medical.

"To be feeling as good as I do just 90 days after my surgery still amazes me."

Culver Simmons, age 45

Experience the Five-Star Difference

Ranked in the top 5% of all U.S. hospitals for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades for two years in a row, DeKalb Medical at North Decatur holds Five-Star Ratings in:

- Total Joint Replacement (2010)
- Total Knee Replacement (2010)
- Hip Fracture Repair (2009-2010)

