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Truman Medical Centers appoints Richard Evans as Chair of Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – [Truman Medical Centers](#) (TMC) announced this week the appointment of Richard Evans, M.D., as the new chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery. He will replace James Hamilton, M.D., who has served as the chair for more than 30 years. Dr. Evans will assume his positions as academic chair at the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Medicine and clinical chair at TMC on July 1, 2011.

“Dr. Evans is an internationally renowned expert in total joint replacement surgery and is becoming well known for his research and work with joint infections,” said John W. Bluford, TMC President/CEO. “We expect that his expertise niche will add value toward orthopaedic care obtained throughout the metropolitan community.”

Dr. Evans currently serves as the director of the Center for Hip and Knee Surgery and the Chief of Adult Reconstruction at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS). He is also an associate professor in the UAMS College of Medicine’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

In addition to his roles at UAMS, he serves as the chairman of the Patient Safety Committee for American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and is an appointed member of the task force to develop the AAOS Guidelines on Peri-prosthetic Infections of the Hip and Knee, and is a member of the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS).

“Dr. Evans brings not only his expertise in orthopaedic surgery, joint replacement and joint diseases to TMC,” said TMC Chief Medical Officer Mark Steele, M.D. “He also brings his personal experience as a an orthopaedic surgery patient in his youth, which has helped to shape his amazing sense of a patient’s needs and their experiences with pain

and discomfort. That patient-focused sense will be of great benefit in his role as an educator as he helps residents and fellows understand their patients better.”

Dr. Evans received his medical degree at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center and completed his residency and a research fellowship in Musculoskeletal Infection at UAMS.

About TMC

Truman Medical Centers is a not-for-profit two acute-care hospital health system in Kansas City. The TMC Health System includes TMC Hospital Hill, TMC Lakewood, TMC Behavioral Health, the Jackson County Health Department and a number of primary care practices throughout Eastern Jackson County. Recently named one of the nation’s top academic medical centers, TMC is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy and specializes in asthma, bariatrics, diabetes, women’s health, and trauma services. For more information, please call (816) 404-3785 or visit www.trumed.org

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