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Fellowship Trained Orthopedic Surgeon Joins Community Hospital

Louis S. Stryker, MD is fellowship trained in adult reconstruction of the hip and knee.

Mesa County, Colo. -- Community Hospital is pleased to announce that fellowship trained and board certified orthopedic surgeon Louis Stryker, MD, currently with Rocky Mountain Orthopaedic Associates will be joining Community Hospital September 1, 2018. Dr. Stryker will join Western Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. Dr. Stryker follows Kirk Clifford, MD and James Gebhard, MD, who recently joined Community Hospital to establish Western Colorado Spine. Together, these practices will form the Community Orthopedic Group.

Dr. Stryker brings over five years of experience in total joint replacement. He is fellowship trained in reconstruction and replacement of the hip and knee and is the only fellowship trained joint surgeon in Grand Junction. He graduated from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston in 2007 and completed his internship at the Mayo Clinic Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in Rochester, MN in 2008 and his fellowship at OrthoCarolina Hip and Knee Center in Charlotte, NC in 2013. Dr. Stryker specializes in direct anterior hip replacement, muscle-sparing approaches to the knee and rapid recovery protocols. He performs a variety of hip and knee replacement surgeries as well as conservative non-surgical options for hip and knee disorders.

“I am very excited to join Community Hospital and look forward to contributing to the progressive orthopedic program at Community Hospital,” said Louis Stryker, MD. “I have been extremely impressed with the continued growth and success of Community Hospital am eager to be part of the most comprehensive orthopedic team on the Western Slope,” added Dr. Stryker.

“Dr. Stryker is a phenomenal orthopedic surgeon and we are thrilled to have him join Community Hospital,” said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. “Since 2013, we have added fourteen new service lines, and over fifty new providers to better serve our community and provide patients a choice as to where to receive health care locally. We are extremely proud of our positive trajectory and are looking forward to what the future holds for Community Hospital, especially with the addition of Dr. Stryker,” added Thomas.

Community Hospital has a long-standing relationship with the physicians at Western Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. The two organizations worked together to create the Community Orthopedic Group which is now made up of eight orthopedic surgeons, a podiatrist and a sports medicine physician. With the recent addition of Dr. Clifford, Dr. Gebhard and Dr. Stryker, there is over 150 years of combined service to the Grand Valley now at Community Hospital. The ability to provide comprehensive orthopedic surgeries will support Community Hospital’s goal to better meet the health care needs of the community by providing accessible, high-quality, coordinated and cost-effective care to patients in the Grand Valley and surrounding communities.

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