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**CRYSTAL CLINIC ORTHOPAEDIC CENTER TO BUILD NEW HOSPITAL FACILITY**

AKRON, OH – Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center, a physician-owned, major orthopaedic specialty hospital located in Northeast Ohio, today announced plans to construct a new specialty orthopaedic facility on Embassy Parkway in Fairlawn, Ohio. The new 60-bed state-of-the-art hospital facility will transform patient care and is expected to open in mid-2020.

“We spent the first half of 2017 developing a business plan that included the project scope, timeline, and projected cost. After much consideration, we selected this location in Fairlawn, close to our existing outpatient locations, because it will be easily accessible for patients throughout Northeast Ohio,” said Ronald Suntken, EdD, FACMPE, president and CEO of Crystal Clinic Orthopedic Center. “We are working closely with the City of Fairlawn to finalize plans. The projected build time is approximately 20-24 months, with move-in and occupancy anticipated by mid-2020.”

The new hospital facility will offer surgical and nonsurgical care and transform the patient experience through patient-centered design and state-of-the-art technological innovation. The approximately 160,000 square-foot facility will be designed in partnership with patients, physicians, clinicians and hospital staff, and focus on the patient. In addition to 60 inpatient beds, it will include 12 operating rooms, QuickCare (urgent orthopaedic clinic), imaging, and other support services. This adds an inpatient facility near Crystal Clinic’s existing outpatient services on Embassy Parkway.

“We are proud to be the first choice for orthopaedic surgery in Northeast Ohio and to bring our patients this new, state-of-the-art facility,” said Gordon Bennett, M.D., chairman of the board, Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center. “As we plan this new facility, we are focused on delivering on our mission of providing the highest quality orthopaedic, musculoskeletal and reconstructive care to our patients and members of the community. In the rapidly changing world of healthcare, Crystal Clinic offers a choice, owned by local physicians who are focused on optimally serving our patients’ needs.”

Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center currently provides inpatient and outpatient services at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, where it leases space from Summa Health. Those services will continue at St. Thomas Hospital until the new hospital is completed and expected to open in mid-2020.

Pending the city’s approval, construction of the new Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Hospital is slated to begin in spring of 2018. Hammel, Green & Abrahamson in Milwaukee and IKM in Pittsburgh will serve as the project architects. Cleveland-based Turner Construction Company will manage the building process.

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“We are very pleased that Crystal Clinic is expanding its footprint in Fairlawn. It will further serve our community and the region. We are very excited about this expansion as our medical services are well-positioned for the future,” City of Fairlawn Mayor William Roth states.

**About Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center**

Crystal Clinic Orthopaedic Center (CCOC), a physician-owned, major orthopaedic specialty hospital located in Northeast Ohio, serves patients throughout Ohio and contiguous states who are in need of care and treatment of conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system, including bones, joints, muscles, tendons, skin and related tissues as well as plastic surgery care. Our board-certified surgeons have decades of experience and perform more than 15,500 orthopaedic surgeries each year. CCOC is consistently recognized for providing outstanding patient care. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has awarded CCOC a five-star rating for Overall Hospital Quality in 2016, the only orthopaedic hospital to receive this rating in Northeast Ohio. CareChex®, a division of Quantros, named CCOC #1 in Northeast Ohio for Major Orthopaedic Surgery, Spinal Surgery, and Joint Replacement in its ratings of America’s Top Quality Hospitals for 2018. The Joint Commission has awarded CCOC with Disease-Specific Care Certification in total hip, total knee, total shoulder and spinal fusion procedures, the only hospital in Ohio to earn those certifications in all four orthopaedic areas. For more information, visit [CrystalClinic.com](http://CrystalClinic.com).

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