

EdisonHealth adds Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute to its Elite Network of Medical Destinations of Excellence

CLEVELAND, OHIO (August 2015) The EdisonHealth Network is pleased to announce that the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute (CJRI) at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford, Conn., has been added to its Network of medical destinations of excellence.

CJRI joins Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA, and Mercy Hospital Springfield in Springfield, MO, as one of EdisonHealth's Network destinations for joint replacements. CJRI is nationally recognized by Consumer Reports as a top five hospital in the nation for total hip and total knee replacements, and the only hospital recognized in both categories.

"The Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute is well-suited for our network," comments Rick Chelko, co-founder of EdisonHealth. "CJRI's operating model, quality and patient safety programs, and track record of outstanding clinical outcomes are consistent with our emphasis on proper diagnoses, appropriate treatment and great outcomes."

"The Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute is excited to partner with EdisonHealth in offering high-value orthopedic services to members of contracting employer-sponsored health plans. This new and innovative model will allow consumers to access one of the premier joint replacement centers in the United States," according to Steven Schutzer, MD, Medical Director of the Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute.

Modeled after co-founder Tom Emerick's work with Walmart and other major corporations, EdisonHealth also provides members of contracting health plans with access to spine, heart, valve, transplant, and cancer care at some of the highest-performing clinics and health systems in the United States. These EdisonHealth Network medical centers are committed to team-based, accountable approaches to evaluate and treat patients – ensuring they receive high-quality and appropriate care. By focusing on the limited, but growing, number of patients with these high cost and often mistreated conditions, EdisonHealth is able to deliver tremendous value to these individuals and health plan sponsors.

"Knee and hip replacements have rapidly become big profit drivers for hospitals. We need to make sure people get to the right team to be diagnosed properly and treated appropriately," states Tom Emerick, one of Forbes' *13 Unsung Heroes Changing Healthcare*. "CJRI will enable us to more easily get patients in the Northeast the care they need."

To learn more about the EdisonHealth Network LLC, call 866 982-7988 or visit www.edisonhealth.net.

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About The EdisonHealth Network LLC

EdisonHealth provides members of contracting health plans with access to joint replacements, heart, valve, spine, cancer and transplant care at some of the highest-performing clinics and health systems in the United States. The service is offered to organizations with 5,000 or more employees, as well as smaller groups through third party "aggregators." Participating employers

and health plans also receive a suite of care coordination, claims payment, performance reporting and related services. EdisonHealth recently received the Validation Institute's "seal of approval" for its integrity and proven performance with respect to reporting outcomes, contractual promises and other claims. For more information, visit www.edisonhealth.net.

About Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute

The Connecticut Joint Replacement Institute has performed more than 20,000 joint replacement procedures since 2007 making CJRI the highest volume and most experienced joint replacement center in Connecticut and amongst the largest in the United States. CJRI records some of the lowest postoperative complication rates nationally and is ranked in the 99th percentile in the state for patient satisfaction. For more information, visit www.saintfranciscare.com/cjri