

## 100 Orthopedic- and Spine-Driven ASCs to Know

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*This is a list of orthopedic- and spine-driven surgery centers researched and compiled by our editorial staff. Surgery centers do not pay and cannot pay to be selected for inclusion on this list. This list is not an endorsement of any individual's or organization's clinical abilities.*

**Ambulatory Surgical Care Facility (Aurora, Ill.).** This ASC opened in Dec. 2010 in partnership with Marque Medicos, a provider of care for Chicago's Hispanic population. At the center, five surgeons and an internist provide services in orthopedic procedures, including spine surgery, interventional pain, reconstructive plastic surgeries and hand and foot surgeries. The 4,000-square-foot surgery center offers a translator for every patient.

**Arkansas Specialty Orthopaedics Surgery Center (Little Rock, Ark.).** The center is affiliated with Arkansas Specialty Orthopaedics, which has foot and ankle, hand and upper extremity, hip and knee replacement, joint and shoulder replacement, orthopedic first care, orthopedic trauma, orthopedic spine and sports medicine services. Physicians at the surgery center are able to perform arthroscopic procedures. Arkansas Specialty Orthopaedics also offers MRI, physical therapy, occupational therapy and pain management.

**The BACK Center (Melbourne, Fla.).** "BACK" stands for "Back Authority for Contemporary Knowledge." It is affiliated with Brevard Orthopaedic Spine and Pain Clinic. The clinic began as a general orthopedics practice in 1981 and then shifted focus to specializing in treatment of the neck and spine in 1992. It has 10 physicians, including four orthopedic surgeons. In 2009, the BACK Center consolidated into one full-service spine center, diagnostic testing and two satellite locations.

**Bayou Region Surgical Center (Thibodaux, La.).** The center's largest service lines are orthopedics and ENT, although it also hosts neurology, general surgery, plastic surgery, GI, ophthalmology and pain management. Bayou Region has three ORs and one endoscopy room, with potential for a fourth room. The ASC operates as a 50-50 partnership between physician-investors and a subsidiary of the local community hospital, Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. It is managed by ASD Management.

**Bellin Orthopedic Surgery Center (Green Bay, Wis.).** Bellin is a joint venture between physicians of Orthopaedic Associates of Green Bay, Green Bay Orthopedics and Bellin Health, an integrated healthcare delivery system. Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists of Green Bay specializes in repair of a wide range of orthopedic problems including the knee, ankle, shoulder and hip. The center, which began treating patients in March 2010, recently opened a third OR. "I work with great people here, which makes my job much easier," Administrator Angela Laux told Becker's ASC Review.

**Bellingham (Wash.) Surgery Center.** This center, with four ORs and an eight-bed recovery room, is connected to the community medical record and the community PAC digital imaging system. Symbion Ambulatory Resource Centers acquired the center in 1999. The ASC participates in Symbion's internal monitoring and tracking systems on patient care, safety, operations, quality improvement and patient satisfaction. It also benchmarks on a national level through the Federated Ambulatory Surgery Association. It is the only accredited ASC in Bellingham, with accreditation through Joint Commission.

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**Bend (Ore.) Surgery Center.** A four-OR center with three procedure rooms, this facility is 100 percent physician-owned, with 35 owners and 60 users who perform more than 10,000 cases annually. The ASC opened in 1997 and moved to its new location in Oct. 2005. In addition to orthopedics and spine, it hosts general surgery, ENT, ophthalmology, GI, pain management, plastics, pediatric dentistry, podiatry and oral maxillofacial surgery. The center's success has to do with strong communications and rigorous tracking of financial benchmarks, says to Administrator Neal Maerki.

**Blue Bell (Pa.) Surgery Center.** This four-OR, multi-specialty ASC opened in Sept. 2008 and specializes in orthopedics and spine. It has 22 physician owners, including six orthopedic surgeons. It also hosts ENT, pain management, plastic surgery, general surgery, ophthalmology and gastroenterology. Blue Bell sees approximately 225 patients per month and is managed by Ambulatory Surgical Centers of America. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Boston Out-Patient Surgical Suites (Waltham, Mass.).** BOSS opened in July 2004 and specializes in orthopedics and pain management. It features 19 orthopedic surgeons from five practices: Greater Boston Orthopedic Center, Longwood Orthopedic Associates, Boston Sports and Shoulder Center, Cartilage Repair Center and Pro Sports Orthopedics. More than 98 percent of patients rated BOSS as "excellent" on patient satisfaction surveys, an accomplishment that Administrator Greg DeConciliis credited to the outstanding quality of care provided by surgeons and staff provide to patients. BOSS is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Boulder (Colo.) Surgery Center.** The center, opened in 2005, is a partnership between physician-owners and Boulder Community Hospital. With 21 surgeons, the facility covers orthopedics, podiatry and pain management. ASC administrators focus on teamwork and keeping staff numbers small to facilitate a vested interest in the success of the center. The orthopedic surgeons at the center specialize in general orthopedics, sports medicine and care of the hand, foot and ankle. The center also includes physiatrists who subspecialize in the treatment of spine-related pain. Boulder Surgery Center is accredited by the Joint Commission.

**Cedar Park (Texas) Surgery Center.** Services at Cedar Park Surgery Center include pain management, spine and neurosurgery, orthopedics, general surgery and urology. Orthopedic and spine surgery services include Bankart procedure, amputation and minimally invasive spine surgery. The surgery center also includes physicians focused on advanced biologics in spinal reconstruction. The ASC includes wireless Internet access available throughout most of the facility.

**Center for Ambulatory Surgery (West Seneca, N.Y.).** With four surgery suites, five endoscopy suites and space available for more growth, this 18,000-square-foot center provides outpatient surgical services to a large area of greater Western New York. In addition to orthopedics, the ASC covers gastroenterology, general surgery, ophthalmology, gynecology, podiatry, urology and reconstructive surgery. Its current annual volume equals more than 15,000 procedures. It is a 50-50 equity partnership between 16 physician-owners and The C/N Group, which provides management services, including all administrative functions of the

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facility. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Central Park Surgery Center (Austin, Texas).** Its physician-partners include six orthopedic surgeons from Austin Sports Medicine and Austin Bone and Joint and two neurosurgeons from The Spine and Rehab Center. The center is managed by Symbion. In addition to orthopedics, it hosts pain management, ENT, general surgery and plastic surgery. It is accredited by the Joint Commission.

**The Center for Orthopedic Surgery (Van Nuys, Calif.).** The center was developed and operated by physicians at Southern California Orthopedic Institute and is located within the institute. There are 32 physicians at the institute, performing a variety of orthopedic surgeries. The center pioneered the development of arthroscopic surgical procedures, particularly in the shoulder, wrist and ankle. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

**The Christ Hospital Spine Surgery Center (Cincinnati).** This ASC, featuring 13 neurosurgeons and one pain management physician, is a partnership between the Mayfield Clinic, The Christ Hospital and United Surgical Partners International. When Mayfield Clinic founded the ASC in 2007, it was the first freestanding center in the region to provide spine surgery. Since then it has performed more than 10,000 spine procedures, which include single- and multi-level lumbar laminectomies, single- and multi-level anterior cervical discectomies and fusions and single-level spinal cord decompression.

**Citrus Park Surgery Center (Tampa, Fla.).** This two-OR center covers spine and orthopedic surgery as well as pain management and plastic surgery. One of this center's surgeons, Robert Nucci, MD, is founder of the Nucci Spine and Orthopedic Institute in Tampa. Dr. Nucci focuses on minimally invasive outpatient lumbar fusions and multi-level outpatient cervical disc replacements. He was among the first physician to actively employ Bio-Plex in his surgeries, a standard that is now used in a wide range of orthopedic surgeries. His partner is Wendell J. Bulmer, DO, one of only a handful of surgeons in the Tampa Bay area to offer hip arthroscopy.

**City Place Surgery Center (Creve Coeur, Mo.).** Founded in 2000, this orthopedic surgery center is located outside of St. Louis and has four ORs and 19 physician partners. It joined Meridian Surgical Partners in Sept. 2010. The 13,200-square-foot, Medicare-certified facility has also been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Operations are led by Administrator Carol Hollowood, CASC.

**Concord (N.H.) Orthopedics Surgery Center.** The ASC was opened in Feb. 1995. It is a collaborative effort between the physicians of Concord Orthopaedics and the Concord Hospital. Founded in 1974, Concord Orthopaedics covers foot & ankle surgery, hand surgery, orthopedic traumatology, osteoporosis, pediatric orthopedics, rheumatology, scoliosis, spine care, sports medicine and total joint surgery. Based on the campus of Concord Hospital, it is among the largest orthopedic practice in New Hampshire, with two satellite offices.

**D.I.S.C. Sports and Spine Center (Marina del Rey, Calif.).** This center, opened in 2007, features 20 physicians, including seven spine surgeons and eight orthopedic surgeons. To

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reduce infections in this 7,200-square-foot facility, the air throughout center is constantly cleansed by a 100 percent HEPA filtration system, surpassing conventional standards. The facility has access to a web-based EMR system, and supports a 1:2 nurse-to-patient ratio. It has been certified by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**DuPage Orthopaedic Surgery Center (Warrenville, Ill.).** DOSC is owned and operated by physicians of OAD Orthopaedics. The practice encompasses 22 physicians, including four spine surgeons. These orthopedic surgeons cover advanced arthroscopy, small joint arthroscopy, hand surgery, microsurgery, carpal tunnel release, lumbar microdiscectomy and fracture care. Since the facility opened in 2006, it has doubled the number of ORs from two to four. DuPage Orthopaedic is accredited by Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**East Portland Surgery Center (Portland, Ore.).** Specialists at East Portland Surgery Center provide orthopedic, neurosurgery, general surgery and pain management services. Additional services include ear, nose and throat specialists and ophthalmology. The surgery center has state-of-the-art technology in the four operating rooms and two treatment rooms. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care and is Medicare certified.

**Eastwind Surgical (Westerville, Ohio).** Eastwind Surgical was established in 2007 as a surgery center for neurosurgical and pain management procedures. Surgeons perform lumbar and cervical discectomy, decompression, ulnar nerve decompression, discography and myelography. The ASC partners with Central Ohio Neurological Surgeons and is accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Healthcare and Medicare.

**Evergreen Orthopedic Surgery Center (Kirkland, Wash.).** Evergreen Orthopedic Surgery Center includes physicians who subspecialize in sports medicine, spine and extremities care. The Evergreen Orthopedic Spine Institute provides surgical and non-surgical treatment, such as pain management and physical therapy, services and includes minimally invasive and complex revision surgery. Physical therapy services at the center feature sports rehabilitation, postural and biomechanical training and hand therapy. MRI diagnostics is also available at the surgery center, which is accredited by the American Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

**Front Range Orthopedic Surgery Center (Longmont, Colo.).** Founded in 1970, Front Range Orthopedic Surgery Center is designed for orthopedic surgery and services. Physicians provide care in several orthopedic areas, including hand, shoulder, spine, sports medicine foot and ankle and joint replacement. The surgery center features digital imaging, MRI and electronic medical records. The ASC is accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

**Hand Surgery Center (Clifton, Ohio).** Eight hand surgeons use this center, which was founded in 1998. It is a joint venture between Hand Surgery Specialists and TriHealth, a healthcare system made up of 360-bed Bethesda North Hospital and 460-bed Good Samaritan Hospital. Hand Surgery Specialists has locations in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky and serves about 25,000 outpatients a year. Hand Surgery Center has the maximum Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care accreditation.

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**Honolulu (Hawaii) Spine Surgery Center.** This Symbion center involves three orthopedic surgeons and five neurosurgeons. It hosts such services as hand surgery, minimally invasive spine procedures, neurosurgery, interventional orthopedics and pain management. The 7,800-square-foot center opened in 2007. It has two ORs and a private recovery room, and provides a wide variety of equipment for minimally invasive surgeries.

**Houston Orthopedic Surgery Center (Warner Robins, Ga.).** The center hosts four orthopedic and sports medicine specialists and one spine surgeon. It consists of two ORs, a sub-sterile area, four preoperative rooms and five PACU beds. Procedures include anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction, carpal tunnel release, trigger finger release and surgery for tennis elbow. The center's spine program performs cervical disc replacement, multi-level anterior cervical disc fusion, endoscopic spine procedures and minimally invasive spine fusions. "Service is given with professional competence and a smile," said Director Becky Mann. "No one in the center is too busy to stop and answer a question or lend a helping hand."

**Illinois Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Surgery Center (Morton Grove, Ill.).** The center has four ORs and one procedure room. It includes 18 orthopedic surgeons, nine podiatrists, three pain management physicians and 15 anesthesiologists. The orthopedic surgeons cover arthroscopies, ACL reconstructions, arthroplasties, carpal tunnel releases, meniscectomies, open reduction internal fixations, arthroscopic Bankart procedures and rotator cuff repairs. Spine procedures performed at the ASC include laminectomies, microdiscectomies, anterior cervical discectomies and fusions. The facility is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**The Institute of Orthopaedic Surgery (Las Vegas).** Established by physicians at Desert Orthopaedic Center, the ASC opened in May 2002. It has four ORs and one procedure room. Its 18 physician-owners practice at Desert Orthopaedic Center, which focuses on sports medicine. Surgeries at the ASC include on knees and shoulders, hand, foot and ankle procedures. A 2008 focus survey by the Nevada Bureau of Licensure and Certification found the institute to have zero regulatory deficiencies. It accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Kerlan-Jobe Surgery Center (Los Angeles).** This center, affiliated with Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic, is used by 19 physicians, five of whom are in spine. With four ORs located directly below the practice, the ASC specializes in sports medicine, foot and ankle procedures. The clinical physicians perform in minimally invasive interventions for sports medicine, lower and upper extremities and spinal conditions. Robert K. Kerlan, MD, founded the practice in 1950 and became the Dodgers' team physician when they moved to Los Angeles in 1958. Frank Jobe, MD, is credited with developing and performing the first UCL repair, or Tommy John surgery. The clinic established a fellowship program in 1973, and it is now one of the largest in the country, with more than a dozen fellows.

**KSF Orthopedic Surgery Center (Houston).** KSF offers 12 physicians with many subspecialty services. The three-OR facility has been affiliated with United Surgical Partners International since 2007. USPI owns 45 percent of the facility and KSF physicians own the rest. After opening as a practice in Feb. 1976, KSF physicians performed some of the first arthroscopic

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procedures in the Houston area. The practice also features complete orthopedic radiologic imaging, physical therapy and a hand therapy rehabilitation center.

**Laser Spine Institute (Tampa, Fla.).** Based in Tampa, Laser Spine Institute also includes ASCs in Wayne, Pa., Scottsdale, Ariz., and Oklahoma City. It boasts an electronic medical record system, imaging services, a physical therapy department, family waiting room with free catered breakfasts and lunches, zero-gravity chairs and computers with free Internet access. Surgeons treat a number of degenerative spine conditions, including spinal stenosis, herniated disc and pinched nerve.

**Louisville (Ky.) Orthopedic Surgery Center.** The center, with three pre-op rooms and six recovery rooms, specializes in the knee, hip, shoulder, foot and spine surgery. Its surgeon-partners are part of Louisville Orthopedic Clinic, home to nine orthopedic surgeons. The clinic also provides imaging and physical therapy. The physicians participate in numerous research studies and often contribute to medical journals and publications. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Loveland Surgery Center (Loveland, Colo.).** Loveland hosts about 3,400 orthopedic, spine, pain management and ENT procedures annually. It has seven physician-owners. The center's spine program was an early adopter of the level-three Prestige cervical artificial disc replacement, the Coflex device, the multi-level NeoDisc replacement and the Dynamic Stabilization System for a posterior lumbar fusion, according to Sue Sumpter, administrator of the center. Loveland Surgery holds a convalescent license, allowing it to cover more complex surgeries.

**Marietta (Ohio) Surgery Center.** This two-OR center, operated by Regent Surgical Health since 2005, currently has seven physician-owners and focuses on orthopedics and pain management. It was founded by five orthopedic surgeons in June 2000. In 2010 it merged with Marietta Memorial Hospital. Employee satisfaction stands at 88.8 percent and patient satisfaction at 98 percent, as reported to CTQ Solutions. "The collegiality of the physicians with the entire staff creates an atmosphere of teamwork that cannot be beat," according to Joyce (Deno) Thomas, COO of the Eastern Region at Regent Surgical Health. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Mayfield Spine Surgery Center (Cincinnati, Ohio).** Founded in 2005, Mayfield Spine Surgery Center is a free-standing ASC that provides spine, neurosurgery and pain management services to the Cincinnati area. The medical staff also includes physiatrists and anesthesiologists. Procedures performed at the ASC include minimally invasive discectomies and spinal fusions. The center features three operating rooms, one pain procedure suite and 11 patient rooms. Each patient room includes amenities such as a flat screen television for the patient's pre- and postoperative stays at the center.

**Midlands Orthopaedics Surgery Center (Columbia, S.C.).** Midland Orthopaedics has been in existence for more than 30 years, with its free-standing surgery center celebrating its fifth anniversary this year. The practice includes several orthopedic surgeons subspecializing in sports medicine, upper extremity, shoulder surgery, foot and ankle, pediatric and spine surgery.

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Midlands Orthopaedics also offers MRI services, and the surgery center features digital operating rooms, pre- and postoperative areas and minimally invasive surgery capabilities.

**Midland Surgical Center (Sycamore, Ill.).** Midland is a joint venture between a local health system, five orthopedic surgeons and Regent Surgical Health. It hosts eight orthopedic surgeons, two podiatrists, one plastic surgeon, four ophthalmologists and one pain management specialist. Spine procedures offered at Midland include nerve biopsy, disc decompression, laminotomy, vertebral copectomy and vertebroplasty. Orthopedic procedures include ligament repair, tendon repair, bone grafts, arthroscopy, ACL repair or reconstruction, partial knee replacements, meniscectomy, carpal tunnel release and rotator cuff repair.

**Minimally Invasive Spine Institute Health Campus (Dallas).** This 48,000-square-foot center just opened in April 2011. It features four ORs, one minor procedure room and 16 recovery areas — all of which are private rooms. As part of a phased opening, it started with self-pay patients and then began accepting private insurance patients. It will be fully open to all patients summer 2011. The facility takes a holistic approach to healthcare by providing a full spectrum of treatment options, from physical therapy to surgical intervention. It is among the first in Texas to host endoscopic laser spine surgery.

**Missoula (Mont.) Bone and Joint Surgery Center.** The facility specializes in orthopedic and plastic surgery and is located next to the offices of Missoula Bone & Joint, an eight-physician orthopedic practice. All of its orthopedic surgeons are board-certified in general orthopedics and many are fellowship-trained. Their subspecialties include sports medicine, joint replacements, hand and microvascular surgery, foot and ankle reconstruction and spine care. The ASC is recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Moore Orthopaedic Clinic Outpatient Surgery Center (Lexington, S.C.).** This two-OR, 14 physician center, opened in late 2007. Developed and managed by Practice Partners in Healthcare, the center scores very high in all categories of patient experience. The center has access to electronic medical records, and patient MRIs and x-rays can be opened electronically and used in the OR.

**NeuroSpine and Pain Surgery Center (Ft. Wayne, Ind.).** NeuroSpine is a joint venture between neurosurgeons and the physical medicine physicians of the NeuroSpine and Pain Center and Lutheran Hospital of Indiana. The NeuroSpine and Pain Surgery Center concentrates on solutions for neck and back surgery to treat low back pain, upper back pain, neck pain and muscle pain. It also offers pain management. The facility houses three ORs, one procedure room, 10 pre- and postsurgical rooms and six recovery beds, allowing privacy and support during recovery.

**New Mexico Orthopaedic Surgery Center (Albuquerque, N.M.).** New Mexico Orthopaedic has six ORs and one treatment room for orthopedic surgery, pain management and podiatry. The center's partners include more than 20 physicians and its corporate partner, United Surgical Partners International. The facility, which is accredited by the Joint Commission, is currently planning a \$3.5 million expansion. Ron Rives, administrator of the center, says the ASC's success relates primarily to its involved partners, which includes more than 20

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physicians.

**Northeast Surgical Care (Newington, N.H.).** This one-OR surgery center has three orthopedic surgeons and one ophthalmologist. In planning stages more than 10 years ago, the center faced a great deal of resistance from a local hospital system but managed to open and prosper. The one OR frequently functions at maximum capacity. The center was cited in Becker's 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare 2011 and Administrator Pamela Bronson was cited by Becker's ASC Review as a great surgery center administrator to know.

**NorthStar Surgical Center (Lubbock, Texas).** Clinical staff members at this multispecialty center are cross-trained in other specialties but there are crews who primarily focus in orthopedics. Orthopedics procedures at this Symbion center include rotator cuff repair, ACL repair, meniscus repair, lateral knee release and clavicle excision. Common hand surgery procedures include carpal tunnel syndrome, ulnar nerve transposition, ganglion cyst of the fingers and the wrist and dequervains release. In addition to orthopedics, this center hosts podiatry, gynecology, urology, general surgery, GI, ENT, urology, ophthalmology and plastics. It is accredited by the Joint Commission.

**OA Surgery Center (Portland, Maine).** The OA Surgery Center includes MRI, CT scans and x-ray diagnostic services. The physicians subspecialize in knee, shoulder, spine, hand, foot and hip replacement surgery. The team also includes orthopedic trauma and fracture care physicians. The ASC is comprised of two operating rooms that include state-of-the-art computer and digital technology. The surgery center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Oklahoma Center For Orthopaedic & Multi-Specialty Surgery (Oklahoma City, Okla.).** The center has four ORs, two treatment rooms and 10 beds. It is an affiliate of United Surgical Partners International and is partnered with local physicians and Integris Health, which includes Integris Baptist Medical Center and Integris Southwest Medical Center. In addition to orthopedic and spine surgery, the center hosts general surgery, gastroenterology, gynecology, ophthalmology, pain management, plastic surgery and podiatry. It is accredited by the Joint Commission.

**Olympia (Wash) Orthopaedic Associates Surgery Center.** The center is affiliated with Olympia Orthopaedic Associates. Founded in 1970, the practice has 13 physicians, making it the largest full-service orthopedic group in the South Puget Sound area. On-site diagnostic tools include X-ray, nerve conduction studies, open and extremity MRI. The center was built in 2002. In 2004, the practice won a "Superior Practices Award" from the Medical Group Management Association.

**Orlando Orthopaedic Outpatient Surgery Center.** This new center opened in Sept. 2010. It has four ORs and a pain management center. In addition to orthopedic and spine surgery, the center hosts pain management and podiatry. The center is affiliated with Orlando Orthopaedic Center, made up of 17 physicians. The practice has several locations and divided into centers for spine, joint, hand, foot and ankle, pediatric, sports medicine, oncology and physical therapy.

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**Orthopaedic Associates of Wisconsin (Waukesha, Wis.).** Orthopaedic Associates of Wisconsin opened a new surgery center in 2007 designed for treating orthopedic patients. The center includes surgical equipment for arthroscopic procedures and an MRI for diagnostics. Physicians at the center subspecialize in spine, shoulder, hand, hip, knee, foot and ankle, sports medicine and trauma care. The group also includes physical therapy and athletic training services for the rehabilitation process.

**The Orthopaedic Center at Springhill (Mobile, Ala.).** This 78,000-square-foot facility is a joint venture between physicians and one of the local hospitals. With four ORs and two procedure rooms, this ASC is affiliated with Alabama Orthopaedic Clinic, a group of 20 orthopedic specialists in Mobile. In addition to orthopedics, specialties include pain management and plastic surgery. According to Administrator Dean Brown, the center has been profitable and has been Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care -accredited since its first year of operation in 2004.

**Orthopaedic South Surgical Center (Morrow, Ga.).** This center, operated by United Surgical Partners International, hosts orthopedic surgery, spine and pain management. The facility has three ORs and one treatment room. In 2010, it was a finalist in the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year contest. It was named one of the 100 Best Places to Work in Healthcare by Becker's ASC Review and Becker's Hospital Review.

**Orthopaedic Surgery Center of La Jolla (Calif.).** This is the orthopedic ASC of Surgery One, a network of four outpatient surgery centers in the San Diego area. It hosts 10 spine surgeons, 18 orthopedic surgeons and five pain management physicians. The center's goals include offering the best and most current technology, having a positive impact on the industry, establishing an outstanding reputation and maintaining profitability.

**Orthopaedic Surgical Center of the North Shore (Peabody, Mass.).** This 16,500-square-foot facility was the first independent orthopedic ASC in the state. When it was in planning stages, many ASC consultants and trade journals predicted it would not get approval due to the hostile regulatory environment in the state, staff at the facility said. The thriving facility now hosts 11 orthopedic surgeons from Sports Medicine North in Peabody as well as three pain management specialists, one podiatrist and three urologists.

**Orthopedic Specialty Group Surgery Center (Fairfield, Conn.).** The center is affiliated with Orthopedic Specialty Group, which has 17 surgeons working at three locations. Physicians at the center perform arthroscopic surgery of the ankle, knee, shoulder, elbow and wrist ligament. Knee reconstruction procedures include both anterior and posterior cruciate ligament procedures. Additional services include hand surgery, rotator cuff repair, foot and ankle surgery, fracture management and Carticel cartilage replacement. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care.

**Orthopedic & Sports Surgery Center (Appleton, Wis.).** This center features a recovery area that is a designated skilled nursing facility, allowing total joint surgery to be performed in the ASC. The center is owned by seven surgeons and an anesthesiologist at the Orthopedic & Sports Institute of the Fox Valley. In addition to the ASC and physicians' offices, the institute

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hosts an MRI, physical therapy and orthotics. The group also provides pain management and includes a podiatrist. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**The Orthopedic Surgery Center of Arizona (Phoenix, Ariz.).** This center was developed by 15 orthopedic surgeons and Cornerstone Surgical Partners. Its patient satisfaction rating is more than 98 percent and that score is now used as a minimum standard. All ASC physicians, nurses and healthcare professionals are actively involved in operational decision-making. The facility is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Orthopaedic Surgical Center (Greensboro, N.C.).** When this facility opened in 1993, it was the first freestanding ambulatory surgical center on the East Coast dedicated to orthopedic surgery. Orthopaedic Surgical Center and its sister center, Surgical Center of Greensboro, have a total of 13 ORs. The center is a member of Surgical Care Affiliates. The two centers' recovery care center, opened in 1988, provides overnight care to those patients needing additional recovery time.

**Orthopedic Surgery Center of Orange County (Newport Beach, Calif.).** The Orthopedic Surgery Center of Orange County is jointly owned by the Orthopedic Specialists of Southern California and Hoag Hospital. The center was opened in 1999 and is focused on providing orthopedic and musculoskeletal care. Services at the surgery center include sports medicine, hand and wrist, foot and ankle and total joint surgery.

**Orthopedic Surgery Center of San Antonio (Texas).** The Orthopaedic Surgery Center of San Antonio at The Orthopaedic Institute offers a full range of orthopedic services, including arthroscopic surgery. Ancillary services at the ASC are comprised of MRI and CT scans as well as physical and hand therapy. The group also offers industrial rehabilitation, work hardening and work conditioning.

**Parkway Surgery Center (Hagerstown, Md.).** Parkway offers comprehensive spine treatments and non-invasive spine surgical procedures. With four neurosurgeons and three physiatrists, it is part of the Blue Chip Surgical Center Partners network. Procedures performed include facet injections, nerve blocks, radio frequency ablation, laminotomy, laminectomy and discectomy. The center includes five operating rooms and one treatment room. It is accredited by The Joint Commission.

**Peak One Surgery Center (Frisco, Colo.).** While orthopedic surgery makes up the majority of procedures at this center, it also features seven other specialties. The center is a partnership between Summit Surgical Group and St. Anthony Summit Medical Center in Frisco. The ASC's orthopedic medical staff includes 10 orthopedic surgeons from Vail Summit Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and The Steadman Clinic, also in Vail. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Peninsula Surgery Center (Newport News, Va.).** This multispecialty center features four ORs and five orthopedic surgeons. The center hosts orthopedics and spine surgery and sports medicine. Orthopedics procedures include arthroscopy of the knee, shoulder, ankle, or elbow as

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well as fracture and tendon repairs. The hand specialists perform several procedures, including carpal tunnel release. In addition, the center hosts general surgery, plastic surgery and gynecology. It is a partnership between area surgeons and Riverside Health System, made up of Riverside Regional Medical Center, Riverside Tappahannock Hospital and Riverside Walter Reed Hospital.

**Physicians Day Surgery Center (Naples, Fla.).** This 8,500-square-foot facility was founded in 1998. Entirely physician-owned, it performs approximately 3,000 cases annually, mostly in orthopedics, ENT and general surgery. The center's patient satisfaction rate is consistently more than 99 percent. It has been able to stay in business through economic downturns and employees stay an average of eight years.

**Piedmont Surgery Center (Greenville, S.C.).** In addition to spine, the center covers ophthalmology and ENT. Of its 12 physicians, three focus on spine surgery. Aaron MacDonald, MD, performs complex spinal surgery with instrumentation, microscopic disc surgery, reconstruction of traumatic spine injury and percutaneous spinal instrumentation. The center, developed by Ambulatory Surgical Centers of America, hosted its first case in Sept. 2008. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Premier Orthopaedic Surgery Center (Nashville, Tenn.).** This eight-year-old ASC, with two ORs and one procedure room, is affiliated with Premier Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine, which has 30 physicians. Only orthopedic surgeons from the practice use the center. With Symbion as a partner, the center has 11 physician-investors and is about to add another one. In the area of spine, the center hosts one- and two-level anterior cervical discectomy and fusion and does some laminectomies. It is accredited by Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Ravine Way Surgery Center (Glenview, Ill.).** Ravine Way, focusing on orthopedics and pain management, opened in 1996. Now its surgeons perform approximately 1,600 cases annually. It features three ORs, one procedure room and a staff of 21 physicians. Ravine Way is successful because of a strong commitment from its physicians-owners and a strong management team and experienced staff, according to Administrator Melody Winter-Jabeck. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Reading Surgery Center (Wyomissing, Pa.).** With three ORs and one procedure room, Reading hosts seven orthopedic surgeons as well as physicians in pain management, podiatry, gynecology, ophthalmology and plastic surgery. Physicians at the center performed more than 6,700 cases in 2009, including spine cases such as laminectomies and anterior cervical discectomies and fusions. For three years in a row, the center had a perfect score on its annual state licensing survey.

**Renaissance Surgery Center (Bristol, Tenn.).** This Symbion center hosts minimally invasive spine surgery, neurosurgery, pain management, plastic surgery and general surgery. Three neurosurgeons, two from Highlands Neurosurgery in Bristol and one from Bristol Neurosurgical Associates, use the center. The center is licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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**Roanoke (Va.) Ambulatory Surgery Center.** The facility, which opened in Nov. 2002, has three ORs and 18 physician-investors. Its surgeons practice at Roanoke Orthopaedic Center, which has been part of Carilion Clinic since 2009 and has four orthopedic surgeons, two physician assistants and one certified athletic trainer. In addition to orthopedics, it also hosts ENT, pain management and urology. It is affiliated with Virginia Orthopaedic.

**Rockford (Ill.) Orthopedic Surgery Center.** This facility is affiliated with Rockford Orthopedic Associates, which has 18 orthopedic surgeons and two podiatrists. The center opened in 2004 and by 2009 it was logging 2,800 surgical cases and more than 5,300 procedures. It has been running at near capacity and its leadership has been reviewing plans for expansion. In Feb. 2011, the center was awarded three-year term accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**St. Louis Spine & Orthopedic Surgery Center (Chesterton, Mo.).** The 6,000-square-foot center, affiliated with Symbion, hosts orthopedic surgery, spine surgery and pain management. It is home to four orthopedic surgeons and four spine surgeons. It features two operating rooms, four spine surgeons and three orthopedic surgeons. It is recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**San Francisco Surgery Center.** This center was recently the first ASC to host MAKOplasty, a new robotic system that assists in partial joint replacement, allowing the patient to walk out of the recovery room within two hours of the surgery. The procedure was successfully performed by Kevin R. Stone, MD, of the Stone Clinic in San Francisco, and John H. Velyvis, MD, of the Coon Joint Institute in St. Helena, Calif. In orthopedics, the center covers upper extremity surgery, lower extremity surgery, spine surgery, endoscopic and open arthroscopic surgery. It also covers pain management, microsurgery, reconstructive plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery and general surgery.

**Sheboygan (Wis.) Surgery Center.** With three ORs and two procedure rooms, this center is focused on orthopedic surgery. It is a joint venture between eight local surgeons and St. Nicholas Hospital, a member of The Hospital Sisters Health System based in Springfield, Ill. ASD Management opened the center in 2008 and provides ongoing management. The 14,660-square-foot facility is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Short Hills Surgery Center (Milburn, N.J.).** This ASC is home to seven spine surgeons among more than 70 physician partners in orthopedic surgery and seven other specialties. It features six ORs, two minor surgery rooms and 24 recovery beds. The 25,000-square-foot ASC opened its doors in Feb. 2005. It logs a 98-100 percent score in patient satisfaction surveys and has a low 0.09 infection rate. Short Hills is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Slocum Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine (Eugene, Ore.).** Slocum Center's affiliated practice, Slocum Center for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, was formed in 1995 by combining two orthopedic groups. The practice is named for Donald B. Slocum, MD, who championed new orthopedic approaches. He undertook one of the first gait analyses, pioneered

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research in amputations as well as the mechanics of the knee. In recent patient surveys, 95 percent rated their overall experience at the center "excellent" 98 percent rated staff professionalism and caring attitudes as "excellent."

**Somerset Surgical Center (Bridgewater, N.J.).** The center was founded in 1995 by a group of orthopedic surgeons and pain management physicians. It was the first orthopedic ASC in the area. As the center's reputation grew, it began to bring in patients from across the country, including professional athletes. It is affiliated with Somerset Orthopedic Associates, which has seven physicians. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Southern New Mexico Surgery Center (Alamogordo, N.M.).** In addition to orthopedics, the center covers ENT, GI, pain management and podiatry. It has two orthopedic surgeons with two ORs and one procedure room. The center uses state-of-art, minimally invasive techniques. Orthopedic procedures include knee and shoulder arthroscopies, open shoulder surgery, anterior cruciate ligament repairs, fasciotomy and treatment of hand disorders. It is recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Southern Orthopaedic Surgery Center (Fayetteville, Ga.).** The Southern Orthopaedic Surgery Center opened three years ago by physician members of Southern Orthopaedic Specialists. The orthopedic surgeons see patients with a broad range of injuries and conditions, including scoliosis and back pain, sports medicine and total joint replacement. Anesthesia services at the ASC are provided by Piedmont Anesthesia Associates. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Spine Centers of America (Fair Lawn, N.J.).** Spine Centers of America, affiliated with New Jersey Back Institute, operates three surgical centers with a team of certified endoscopic spine surgeons. It delivers the newest proven techniques in endoscopic spine surgery, specializing in minimally invasive procedures. Founder and Head Surgeon Bryan J. Massoud, MD, has performed more than 1,000 minimally invasive spine surgeries for maladies such as cervical and lumbar disc herniations, thoracic disc herniations, spinal stenosis, failed back surgery syndrome, spondylolisthesis, scoliosis and infections. He also instructs orthopedic residents and colleagues in new procedure and endoscopic techniques. Spine Centers of America opened its new Advanced Spine Surgery Center in Union, N.J., in Nov. 2010.

**The Spine Institute of Southern New Jersey (Marlton, N.J.).** The center has a 0 percent infection rate for spinal surgery, which includes lumbar discectomy, lumbar laminectomy, posterior lumbar interbody fusion and anterior lumbar interbody fusion. The ASC's staff are focused on providing one-on-one care. Orthopedic surgeons include Joan O'Shea, MD, and Steven B. Kirshner, MD. Dr. Kirshner was the first spine surgeon in New Jersey to perform lumbar total disc replacement and the first to implant a flexible rod system in 2004.

**Stateline Surgery Center (Galena, Kan.).** This two-OR center is primarily involved in orthopedics cases and is home to six orthopedic surgeons, one spine surgeon, one hand surgeon and one pain specialist. Opening in March 2010, it is housed in an \$8 million, 52,000-square-foot building with physician offices and exam rooms, a gym and MRI services. The ASC has four large overnight rooms to allow for additional recovery time needed by spine

patients.

**Surgery Center of Allentown (Pa.).** This multispecialty ASC, one of the largest in the state, is a joint venture between physicians and Ambulatory Surgery Centers of America. Having opened in April 2007 with five ORs and 25 staff members, it has grown to seven ORs with a staff of more than 55. The center has one orthopedic spine surgeon, four orthopedic hand surgeons and seven orthopedic sports medicine physicians. To keep in shape, the ASC prepares for its state department of health inspection in January and again in August. It is recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Surgery Center of Maryland (Silver Spring, Md.).** There are two neurosurgeons and 28 orthopedic surgeons at this center, which is affiliated with Ambulatory Surgery Centers of America. In orthopedics, the ASC covers knee arthroscopy, shoulder arthroscopy and anterior cruciate ligament repair. It covers carpal tunnel release and several other procedures in hand surgery. Surgery Center of Maryland also hosts ENT, GI, general surgery, ophthalmology, podiatry, plastic surgery, urology and gynecology and is recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Surgery Center of Reno (Nev.).** This multi-specialty ASC has a strong orthopedics program with 16 orthopedic surgeons. Its spine program has two spine surgeons. The surgeons use state-of-the-art, minimally invasive surgery and offers nine other subspecialties. Spine surgeon James Lynch, MD, serves as chairman of the board of directors for the center. By combining multiple disciplines, the center is able to offer a team approach to find the best treatment for those suffering from back or neck pain.

**Sutter Alhambra Surgery Center (Sacramento, Calif.).** This three-OR ASC, a partnership with Surgical Care Affiliates and Sutter Health, is limited to orthopedic and pain management. It has more than 20 orthopedic surgeons. "The surgeons are very supportive of the teammates," Denis Garrison, RN, OR charge nurse at the center, told Becker's ASC Review. "They are genuinely concerned about [staff members'] benefits, enough hours worked and overall job satisfaction, which is a rare commodity." It recently achieved re-accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Surgery Center of Wisconsin Rapids (Wis.).** Surgery Center of Wisconsin Rapids opened its doors in 2006. Managed by ASD Management, the center covers orthopedic and pain procedures. In Sept. 2007 and again in Aug. 2010, it achieved a three-year accreditation from Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. The center is currently working on adding an ophthalmology service line.

**Tallgrass Surgical Center (Topeka, Kan.).** This multispecialty center focuses on sports medicine and hosts a great deal of ACL reconstructions. Surgeons have been performing the Uni-Knee replacement procedure for several years. The center has three ORs and one procedure room. All three ORs are open for three days and two are open the rest of the week, says Nurse Manager Michelle Atkinson, RN. Other specialties are ophthalmology, general and vascular surgery, gynecology, plastics and pain management. The center is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

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**Texarkana (Texas) Surgery Center.** This Symbion center has five orthopedic-hand surgeons and two neuro-spine surgeons. It is a large multispecialty center with five ORs, two procedure rooms and 65 credentialed physicians. The ASC added a neurosurgery program a few years ago. There are 25 physician-owners and a few more are expected to join. "We're constantly looking for a new or better way of doing something and there's always room for improvement," Administrator Kimble Hatridge told Becker's ASC Review. The center also hosts ENT, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, pain management, podiatry, plastics and urology.

**Texas Surgical Center (Midland).** Texas Surgical Center was opened in Oct. 2003 and is currently owned and operated by a group of 12 surgeons. Surgeons perform orthopedics, hand, spine, pain management, podiatry reconstructive and plastic surgery and urology procedures at the facility. The ASC includes two operating rooms with hi-definition technology and one treatment room. Diagnostic services include two C-arms and one mini C-arm for fluoroscopy.

**TRIA Orthopedic Center (Minneapolis).** TRIA is a comprehensive center for orthopedic diagnosis, treatment, surgery and rehabilitation. The center includes more than 40 orthopedic physicians who have subspecialties in sports medicine, acute injury, shoulder, knee, spine, extremities and fracture care. Sports Medicine physicians have current and previous affiliations with Minnesota athletic teams, including the Vikings, Twins and Timberwolves. Specialists at TRIA are involved in professional research in the Bio-Skills Lab and the TRIA Orthopaedic Research Institute.

**Tri-City Orthopaedic Center (Richland, Wash.).** This USPI facility, with two ORs and one treatment room, covers orthopedic surgery and pain management. It is affiliated with six-physician Tri-City Orthopedic Clinics. Tri-City's clinical technology includes computer-assisted surgery navigation for total knee replacement, minimally invasive surgery, arthroscopic shoulder reconstructions and minimally invasive spine surgery. It is accredited by Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Tucson Orthopaedic Surgery Center (Tucson, Ariz.).** In operation since 2002, this 11,500 square-foot facility specializes in orthopedic and pain management procedures. A joint venture between Tucson Orthopaedic Institute and Tucson Medical Center, the center features four ORs and hosts 19 surgeons from the institute. The center has logged less than 40 days in A/R since 2007 and 35,000 procedures since it opened. Tucson Orthopaedic is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Two Rivers Surgical Center (Eugene, Ore.).** Formerly named Northwest Neurospine Institute, Two Rivers Surgical Center opened in July 2006. The 7,911-square-foot facility, acquired by Meridian in Aug. 2008, was specifically designed for outpatient spine procedures, using two ORs. The facility also provides pain management procedures. Angel Kellum serves as the center's administrator. Two Rivers Surgical Center is a Medicare-certified and recognized by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Vail Valley Surgery Center (Vail, Colo.).** A joint venture between Vail Valley Medical Center and 21 physician-partners, Vail Valley Surgery Center focuses on orthopedics, but it also offers

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GI, general surgery, plastic surgery, pain management, gynecology, ENT and podiatry. The facility, which opened in 2002, has four ORs and one procedure room. Vail Valley completes more than 4,000 cases annually, mostly in orthopedics, and treats some of the nation's top athletes.

**Valley Surgery Center (Steubenville, Ohio).** Opened in July 2002, Valley Surgery Center is owned by 14 local surgeons who partnered with Symbion Healthcare in Sept. 2004. The facility features three ORs and one procedure room. It has 28 credentialed physicians. In addition to orthopedics, it hosts ENT, ophthalmology, general surgery, podiatry, gynecology, plastics, urology and pain management.

**West Lakes Surgery Center (Clive, Iowa).** This multispecialty center is a joint venture between Mercy Medical Center and multiple area physicians. It has seven ORs, two procedure rooms and two overnight recovery suites. Besides orthopedics, specialties include dermatology, endoscopy, ENT, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, pain management, plastics and podiatry. It is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

**Wildwood Surgical Center (Toledo, Ohio).** This is an 18,000 square-foot multispecialty surgery center with five ORs. The facility, operated by ProMedica Health System, is home to 50 physicians performing about 6,000 procedures per year. The facility's orthopedic program is part of the Orthopaedic Institute at ProMedica, a 10-hospital system based in Toledo. Common orthopedic procedures at the ASC involve knee, shoulder and foot and ankle surgery.

**Wilmington (N.C.) SurgCare.** This Symbion center has seven ORs, up from three when it opened in 1994, and three procedure rooms used by 83 active physicians, 19 of whom are owners. Twenty of the physicians are in orthopedics and the center also hosts general surgery, plastic surgery, endoscopy, ophthalmology, urology, pain management, ENT and gynecology. Wilmington SurgCare received Symbion's "Facility of the Year" award in 2007 and has also earned three "President's Awards" from its management company for reaching established benchmarks.

**Yakima (Wash.) Ambulatory Surgical Center.** This three-OR, physician-owned multispecialty facility has about 30 full-time and part-time employees. Opened in 1998, it averages 3,500 surgeries a year. It recently recruited two new orthopedic surgeons and one neurosurgeon. Recently it added neurosurgery and spine services. Administrator Kimberly L. Tude Thuot told Becker's ASC Review that flexible staffing using per-diem workers has helped keep labor costs in check.

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