



Premier Bone and Joint Centers -- Expansion to Benefit Laramie and Beyond

The team at Laramie’s Premier Bone and Joint Center is thrilled to announce the Grand Opening of their new ambulatory surgical and rehabilitation center next week, just one year after breaking ground. Accommodating their growing practice, the medical team expects to attract more patients from around the state seeking the highest levels of orthopedic care. The new \$13 million construction boasts over 21,000 square feet of state-of-the-art surgical suites, procedure rooms, and an expansive open concept physical therapy gym.

With the addition of three new operating rooms, Premier will continue to provide advanced procedures like total joint replacements, reconstructive surgeries as well as spine and subspecialty procedures. The new space will make the surgery process more efficient and streamlined for patients. Integrated cameras and audio equipment in the operating rooms will facilitate educational opportunities for medical students from around the region.

“Expanding our footprint in Laramie gives our patients the best of both worlds - a choice to have same-day surgeries at our ambulatory surgical center, while preserving the ability to have surgeries that require longer-term care at our local hospital,” Premier CEO Thomas Wolfe said.



Headquartered in Laramie, Premier has provided its world-class orthopedic services throughout the state since 1973. Growing from two to nine physicians since that time, their fellowship trained orthopedic surgeons travel daily to satellite clinics located in Casper, Cheyenne, Rawlins, Gillette, Riverton, Rock Springs, Torrington and Wheatland, often utilizing one or more of their 4 planes to travel back and forth in one day.

Providing same day surgeries is not new for Premier, dozens of surgeons and anesthesiologists have cared for thousands of patients in Premier's original ambulatory surgical center for the past 25 years. Its two current operating rooms will continue to be available to doctors in the community who perform outpatient surgeries and procedures. The new operating space will begin seeing surgeries in early October, while physical therapy services will commence in early September.

"Attracting more people to our new center will not just help Premier's growth, we anticipate more new patients will choose to receive services at Iverson Memorial Hospital, who might have otherwise stayed closer to home. This increases jobs in our area and revenue at local businesses, too - it's a win-win win," says CEO Wolfe.

Premier's Physicians:



Dr. Ryan Aukerman joined Premier in 2006, specializing in sports medicine, knee, and shoulder surgery.



Dr. Daniel Levene has been with Premier since 2002, specializing in sports medicine, knee, shoulder and total joint replacement.

Dr. Thomas Bienz, has been with Premier since 1999, specializing in hand and upper extremity, total joint replacement and nerve and microvascular surgery.



Dr. Mark McKenna, a native of Wyoming, has been with Premier since 2011 specializing in hand and upper extremity, and total joint replacement.



Dr. Jay Carson has been with Premier since 2000, specializing in sports medicine, knee & shoulder, total joint replacement and foot and ankle sports injuries.



Dr. Trevin Thurman, starting in September 2020, a physical medicine and rehabilitation specialist, will be Premier's newest addition to its expert physician staff. Specializing in pain and sports medicine, he will be providing expert treatment for spine and peripheral joint disorders, with an emphasis on healing without surgery.

Dr. Tim Gueramy joined Premier in 2017, specializing in foot & ankle, and sports medicine.



Dr. Eric Harris joined Premier in 2017, specializing in spinal surgery and minimally invasive surgery.

Dr. Matt Fournier, a native of Wyoming, will be joining Premier's staff in September of 2021, following the completion of his sports medicine fellowship at Lake Tahoe Sports Medicine.

