



## **Press Release**

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## Steindler and Mercy Iowa City Announce Orthopedic Care Partnership

The alliance will expand access to orthopedic care for patients in Johnson County and surrounding areas

Iowa City, Iowa (February 7, 2022) — Steindler Orthopedic Clinic and Mercy Iowa City announced a strategic partnership to better serve patients needing high-quality orthopedic care in Johnson County and Eastern Iowa. The collaboration recognizes the 70-year relationship between Steindler and Mercy Iowa City and their united reputation for orthopedic excellence. This alliance follows a national trend of orthopedic groups and hospitals creating formal relationships to strengthen access and quality. The partnership includes enhanced care coordination and shared management responsibility of the orthopedic service line at Mercy Iowa City, plans to collaborate on a medical park in North Liberty, and improved access to high-quality orthopedic care in Eastern Iowa.

"We are pleased to announce this agreement after many successful years of working closely to provide orthopedic care in the region," said Mike Trachta, Acting President and CEO Mercy Iowa City. "We are looking forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership with the talented team at Steindler for even greater patient outcomes."

Once fully implemented, the medical park will provide patients with advanced options for orthopedic care in the region. Leveraging clinical, administrative, and patient-centered management between the two organizations will deliver enhanced care quality through innovative tools, technologies, and techniques in modern facilities.

"The vision is to create a premier destination for orthopedic care," said Steindler President and Chief Executive Officer Patrick Magallanes. "Steindler had a vision for the future of orthopedic care and independent physician practice in our community and committed to the concept by purchasing land in North Liberty. We anticipated Mercy Iowa City would be our partner in the vision from the beginning. Today, we are pleased to announce that we are working together on a vision for our future."

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Steindler Orthopedic Clinic is one of the largest independent orthopedic practices in Iowa. It has provided exceptional patient care and outcomes to patients suffering from bone, joint, and muscle injuries and conditions since 1950. For more information, please visit steindler.com

Mercy Iowa City is a 194 bed acute care hospital and regional referral center for southeast Iowa. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1873, Mercy has a medical staff of over 200 providers representing all major medical specialties and most subspecialties, and over 1300 employees. Mercy Iowa City has been recognized for quality and excellence numerous times, including receiving the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) 5 Star Ratings as a Top 2% hospital for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. To learn more visit **www.mercyiowacity.org**.