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Community Hospital's Western Orthopedics and Sports Medicine and Western Colorado Spine Certified as Joint Commission Center of Excellence

Mesa County, CO - Community Hospital has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Western Orthopedics and Sports Medicine and Western Colorado Spine Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

Community Hospital underwent a rigorous, on-site review March 5-7, 2024. During the visit, a Joint Commission reviewer evaluated compliance with four of Community Hospital's orthopedics and spine programs including Total Joint Replacement Surgery for hip, knee, and shoulder as well as spine surgery. A thorough review of standards spanned several areas including environment of care, infection prevention and control, leadership, medication management, rights and responsibilities of patients and more.

The Joint Commission's standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted on-site observations and interviews.

"We are extremely proud to have earned the prestigious Center of Excellence certification from The Joint Commission for our orthopedics and spine program," said Chris Thomas, President and CEO for Community Hospital. "Being an orthopedics and spine care Center of Excellence underscores our steadfast commitment to ensuring high quality care and safety for our patients," added Thomas.

"As a health care accreditor, The Joint Commission works with health care organizations across care settings to inspire safer and higher quality of care that is more equitable and compassionate," says Ken Grubbs, DNP, MBA, RN, executive vice president of Accreditation and Certification Operations and chief nursing officer, The Joint Commission. "Through collaborating on innovative solutions and evidence-based resources and tools, The Joint Commission helps drive improvement while maintaining accountability through our leading survey methods and standards. We commend Community Hospital for its commitment to advance safety, quality, equity and compassion for all patients."

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