

Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group Officially Join Cedars-Sinai

Partnership Created Under Institute for Sports Sciences Will Include Clinical, Research and Training Programs

LOS ANGELES (Oct. 8, 2014) – [Cedars-Sinai](#) Health System announced today that it has finalized an agreement with the Institute for Sports Sciences for two of the nation's most prominent orthopedic and sports medicine physician groups -- [Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic](#) and [Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group](#) -- to become formally affiliated with Cedars-Sinai.

The agreement is the final step in a process that was announced in late 2013 when Cedars-Sinai and the Institute for Sports Sciences entered into a letter of intent to jointly pursue strategies for leadership in [orthopedics](#) and [sports medicine](#) regionally, nationally and internationally.

The collaboration between the two prominent orthopedic groups, which have an unequalled role in the care of professional sports teams and individual elite athletes, and the nationally renowned orthopedic physicians and staff at Cedars-Sinai, creates the framework for a new model of patient-centered, high-quality care, integrating the latest research and treatment options.

The affiliation also expands the geographic footprint of each of the partners, enhancing the community's access to high-quality orthopedics and sports medicine. Kerlan-Jobe and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group facilities include medical offices and other clinical services in Santa Monica, Pasadena, Anaheim, and West Los Angeles. The affiliation includes the two groups' clinics and imaging centers, as well as their surgery centers, research programs and fellowship training programs.

The Institute for Sports Sciences was formed last year by Kerlan-Jobe and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group to bring those two entities together for innovative clinical, research and training programs in sports medicine and orthopedics. In late 2013, the Institute for Sports Sciences announced it had selected Cedars-Sinai as a partner in these efforts. Under the agreement with Cedars-Sinai announced today, the Institute for Sports Sciences will continue to manage Kerlan-Jobe and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group.

The Institute for Sports Sciences is also planning for growth within both orthopedic groups, as well as for other leading orthopedic groups and surgery centers to join the Institute.

The affiliation with Cedars-Sinai will enhance patient care by facilitating a wide variety of collaborations among the three entities, including expanded [clinical trials](#) and research, access for patients to Cedars-Sinai when needed, and collaborative consultations on complex cases.

Although now affiliated with Cedars-Sinai under the [Institute for Sports Sciences](#), Kerlan-Jobe and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group will each continue to see patients under each of their respective brands.

Kerlan-Jobe, Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine, and Cedars-Sinai Orthopedic Center also plan to collaborate on a wide variety of research and clinical trials, including the advanced use of orthobiologics (including stem cells and other molecular and cellular-based experimental treatments for sports injuries), and new approaches to orthopedic treatments that minimize surgery whenever possible.

Other areas of focus include pediatric sports medicine, sports neurology and concussion, a movement performance center, and a return-to-work program coordinated with employers.

While each of the three groups offers sought-after advanced training programs for physicians, they will also be looking for opportunities to collaborate and expand their education and training programs.

“Cedars-Sinai’s orthopedic program is already ranked as the best in the west and is in the top 10 nationally, so when we partner with such outstanding orthopedic groups as Kerlan-Jobe and Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine, the possibilities for taking orthopedics and sports medicine to an unprecedented new level for patients are extraordinary,” said Thomas M. Priselac, president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai.

“As a pioneer in the field of sports medicine and orthopedics, Kerlan-Jobe is very excited to be part of this unprecedented partnership that brings together three of the world’s best orthopedics groups,” said [Neal ElAttrache, MD](#), chair of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Foundation and head of its Fellowship Program.

“We now have the unique opportunity to create a global center for all aspects of sports medicine and orthopedics, encompassing clinical care, professional sports team physician activities, translational research and education,” said [Bert Mandelbaum, MD](#), chair of the Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group Foundation, and head of its Fellowship Program.

“The Institute for Sports Sciences represents a new model for how physician specialists in different groups can come together and help shape the healthcare landscape in some very impactful ways,” said Jeremy Hogue, CEO of the Institute for Sports Sciences.

About Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic

The Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic is a world leader in the diagnosis and treatment of orthopedic and sports medicine injuries and illnesses. In addition to sports medicine, Kerlan-Jobe specializes in all aspects of orthopedic care, including the diagnosis and treatment of the spine, shoulder, elbow, knee, hand, foot and hip disorders, orthopedic trauma, arthritis, congenital disorders and work-related injuries. Kerlan-Jobe is also a world leading center for education and research in sports medicine and orthopedics. Kerlan-Jobe has six clinic locations,

including Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pasadena, along with a diagnostic imaging center and a surgery center at the main Los Angeles location. For more information, visit kerlanjobe.com.

About Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group

For more than 25 years, Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group (SMOG) has been a national and international leader in the care of patients from young to old and athletes from recreational to elite. SMOG utilizes a multidisciplinary approach with fellowship-trained subspecialists in sports medicine, hand surgery, joint replacement, foot and ankle, general orthopedics, and physical medicine and rehabilitation, in addition to podiatrists, pediatric orthopedists and primary care sports medicine physicians. This collective SMOG team is focused on injury prevention and treatment as well as rapid and safe return to vocational and recreational activities through state-of-the-art solutions. Research and education are an integral part of SMOG's mission, as the group annually trains three fellows and participates in significant research projects. SMOG and its affiliated surgery center – [Surgery Center of the Pacific](#) – are located in Santa Monica. For more information, visit smog-ortho.com.

About Cedars-Sinai

Cedars-Sinai is one of the world's most respected healthcare institutions, known for high-quality, patient-centered care and innovative research. In the independent National Research Corporation consumer survey, Cedars-Sinai has consistently been voted by Los Angeles residents as their top choice for quality, best doctors and best nurses. Cedars-Sinai's orthopedic program was recently ranked as the best in the western United States by US News and World Report, and among the top 10 in the nation. Physicians from around the nation and the world refer patients to Cedars-Sinai orthopedic surgeons for a wide variety of conditions, including joint replacement, back surgery, trauma and bone tumors. In addition, Cedars-Sinai's orthopedic residency training programs consistently attracts the highest-achieving physicians. For more information, visit cedars-sinai.edu.

About the Institute for Sports Sciences

The Institute for Sports Sciences is a strategic and management services organization that is a partnership between the physicians of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic and the Santa Monica Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Group, Cedars-Sinai and [Sovereign Healthcare](#), a private healthcare management company based in Southern California. In addition to serving as a governance and strategic planning entity for the parties, the Institute for Sports Sciences provides clinic and surgery center management services, oversight of research and fellowship programs, and coordinates the development of new opportunities in orthopedics, sports medicine and related specialties. For more information, visit sportssciences.net.