

**O**rthoKansas, P.A. is one of Lawrence's best-kept secrets. The 23,000 square foot facility houses complete orthopedic services, including treatment for sprains, strains, fractures, joint pain, spinal injury, arthritis and sports injuries, just to name a few.

Dr. John Wertzberger opened the practice in 1971, and in 1974 Dr. William Bailey joined him. Today, seven doctors partner in the practice, and an eighth doctor will be joining the group in September. The physician owned practice has always existed near Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and currently occupies approximately 60 percent of the Lawrence Medical Plaza at Sixth and Maine streets.

According to Dena Johnston, director of therapy services, program development and marketing at OrthoKansas, P.A., the practice may appear to occupy a lot of space, but continues to grow and expand to meet the needs of their patients. This kind of growth has been a constant at OrthoKansas, P.A. as it has evolved, adding staff and services during its 40 years in business.

Currently, patients can see an Orthopaedic Specialist or Physician Assistant; get an X-ray, MRI or receive casting services; and can also choose to receive physical or occupational therapy services onsite.

One of the biggest "secrets" about OrthoKansas, P.A. is its heated pool. OrthoKansas,

P.A. offers aqua aerobics and rehabilitation services in the large pool area, which also boasts a hot tub and locker rooms. Memberships to the gym equipment and pool are available to the public, as are aqua aerobics classes. Johnston says the goal of

the staff at OrthoKansas, P.A. is to make everything "as convenient and comprehensive as possible for our patients." OrthoKansas, P.A. continues to add services so that its patients can take care of all of their orthopedic medical needs in one location. OrthoKansas, P.A. accepts outside referrals for therapy, so Lawrence residents can take advantage of its services even if they aren't patients of the practice's doctors.

"People come from all over the United States to see us," Johnston says. "In fact, we recently had someone fly all the way from Japan just to see one of our specialists. I think that says a lot about the level of quality of care and the dedication of our physicians & surgeons."

OrthoKansas, P.A. offers specific services and high quality care. There are more than 70 employees working to ensure that quality remains consistent for all of OrthoKansas' patients.

"Our staff is highly involved within the community and enjoys giving back. We are like a family, and many have been with the clinic for years" says Johnston. "It's a true testimony to how much we care about the practice and those we serve."



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