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**Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists and Ascension Wisconsin Expand Orthopedic Care in the Fox Valley**

*New clinic and orthopedic ambulatory surgery center to open in late 2020*

APPLETON, Wis. — Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS), a physician-owned orthopedic, sports medicine and rheumatologic practice with clinics in Green Bay, Appleton and Marinette, has announced plans to build a new 45,000-square-foot orthopedic clinic and surgery center. The facility is expected to open in fall 2020.

Through a joint venture operating agreement, Ascension Wisconsin and OSMS are collaborating on the surgery center, which will be called The Orthopedic Surgery Center of the Fox Valley.

The OSMS clinic and Orthopedic Surgery Center of the Fox Valley will be located at 1205 West American Drive off Highway 10 in Fox Crossing. Patients will have access to a full spectrum of orthopedic and sports medicine services including:

- a walk-in Acute Injury Clinic for urgent orthopedic injuries including fractures, sprains or lacerations;
- a full scope of surgical and non-surgical orthopedic care for all ages including joint replacements, fracture care, arthroscopy (scopes), injections, and more;
- a procedure room to provide efficient, cost-effective care for treating conditions like carpal tunnel or trigger finger;
- physical and occupational therapy provided by Ascension Wisconsin.

“This is an exciting time for our doctor-owned practice,” OSMS CEO Sandy Fragale said. “Over the years, we’ve developed an efficient and cost-effective model of care for our patients that provides cost savings while delivering exceptional patient care and superior patient satisfaction. In fact, in the markets we serve, we’re proud to say we have a 98% satisfaction rating. We are looking forward to bringing our dynamic model of patient care to the Fox Valley area.”

The clinic and surgery center will create approximately 35 new jobs, including nurses, physician assistants, surgical technologists, among others.

In April, OSMS and Ascension Wisconsin announced a joint venture to expand orthopedic services in the Fox Valley. Currently, eight OSMS surgeons are seeing patients at Ascension NE Wisconsin – St. Elizabeth Campus in Appleton.
“Recognizing that Wisconsin is known for promoting an active lifestyle, we’re seeing an increase in orthopedic needs from student-athletes to weekend-warriors to baby boomers,” said Bernie Sherry, ministry market executive, Ascension Wisconsin. “Working together with OSMS to expand orthopedic care in the Fox Valley upholds Ascension Wisconsin’s promise of keeping care close to home in the communities we’re privileged to serve.”

As a doctor-owned company for more than 50 years, OSMS provides personalized care for patients in northeast Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. OSMS has 17 orthopedic physicians and four rheumatologists who take great pride in getting patients back to the life they love.

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About Ascension Wisconsin
Ascension Wisconsin (ascension.org/wisconsin) operates 24 hospital campuses, more than 100 related healthcare facilities and employs more than 1,300 primary and specialty care clinicians from Racine to Eagle River. Serving Wisconsin since 1848, Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. As such, Ascension Wisconsin provided more than $292 million in community benefit, including care of persons living in poverty in Fiscal Year 2018. As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension operates 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

About Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Specialists (OSMS)
OSMS is a physician-owned orthopedic, sports medicine and rheumatologic practice with clinics in Green Bay, Appleton, and Marinette serving northeast Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Services at OSMS include hip, knee and shoulder care; hand and wrist care; foot and ankle care; sports medicine; work-related injuries; fracture care; and rheumatologic care. OSMS also offers MRI, lab services, infusion therapy and bone density screening. Visit http://www.osmsgb.com for more information.