Dr. Hassanain Jassim Reaches Surgical Milestone With Innovative Treatment for Acid Reflux

**Green Bay, Wis.** – Dr. Hassanain Jassim, a Prevea Health general and bariatric surgeon, recently completed his 400th LINX procedure – an innovative treatment providing relief to those who suffer from acid reflux.

Acid reflux stems from a condition known as Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, or GERD. It occurs when digestive juices from food are refluxed from the stomach into the esophagus, which can irritate the esophageal lining. This can be a painful condition that affects many aspects of daily life including eating and sleeping. According to the National Institutes of Health, GERD affects about 20 percent of the U.S. population.

“About 21 million people in the U.S. are on medication for acid reflux, yet 40 percent still suffer from painful symptoms,” said Dr. Jassim, who in 2015 became the first surgeon in the greater Green Bay area to perform the LINX procedure.

The LINX procedure involves placing a small, flexible band of interlinked magnetic beads around the patient’s esophagus, just above the stomach. The device is designed so that swallowing forces temporarily break the magnetic bond, allowing food and liquid to pass normally into the stomach. At the same time, the magnetic attraction of the device helps the body’s normal sphincter to contract, preventing reflux from the stomach to the esophagus.

Dr. Jassim performs the LINX procedure using robotic surgical systems at HSHS St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay and HSHS St. Nicholas Hospital in Sheboygan. Appointments with Dr. Jassim in Green Bay and Sheboygan can be made by calling (920) 436-1358.

“If a patient has acid reflux and is taking medication, there’s a good potential they’ll qualify for LINX,” said Dr. Jassim. “Typically, patients come in and go home the same day as the surgery only takes about 60 minutes. After that, most patients can stop their medication.”
With 400 LINX procedures completed, Dr. Jassim has performed the most ever in the state of Wisconsin. As a top performer of the LINX procedure across the country, he also assists in training surgeons nationwide on how to perform the procedure.

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