

## Welcome to Our Office

We appreciate your selection of this practice to serve your health care needs. Our goal is to provide the very best possible care for our patients.

Our entire staff operates as a team. We take great pride in each staff member's training and capabilities. We want you to have the same confidence that we do and to let us serve you fully. So that we may better serve you, we ask you to spend some time reviewing this brochure. We have tried to give you as much information about the practice as possible, and to anticipate your questions. We feel that the more you know about our policies and methods of practice, the more we can be of service to you.

This medical specialty deals with problems related to the musculoskeletal system (muscles and bones). It includes acute problems arising from injury, (sprains, strains and fractures) as well as arthritis, bursitis, back problems, etc. Orthopedics overlaps with other medical specialties. If your medical difficulty falls outside the orthopedic field, we will refer you to an appropriate physician.

## Orthopedic Surgery

## Our Doctors

All our doctors are Board Certified in Orthopedics by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons. This means that they have completed a five year program of specialized orthopedic training after medical school and have passed both comprehensive oral and written examinations.

Dr. Meisles graduated from Rush Medical College in 1986 and completed his orthopedic surgery training at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center. He has been appointed a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Meisles is the chairman of surgery at Gottlieb Memorial Hospital, and was named in Chicago Magazine as one of the top twenty orthopedic surgeons in Chicago. He has also been listed in the Castle Connolly Guide "Top Doctors, Chicago Metro Area" first and second editions. Dr. Meisles practices general orthopedics, and has special interest in joint replacement surgery, rheumatoid arthritis and sports medicine.

Dr. Hennessy graduated from Rush Medical School in 1991. He completed his residency in orthopedic surgery at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center in 1996. He subsequently completed a one year fellowship in spinal surgery at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and Chicago Shriners Hospital. In addition to the practice of general orthopedics, Dr. Hennessy has a special interest in spinal surgery and joint replacement as well as sports medicine.

Dr. O'Connor graduated from Northwestern University Medical School in 1997. He completed his orthopedic surgery training at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in 2002. He subsequently completed a one year fellowship in Sports Medicine at The Orthopedic Specialty Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. O'Connor has a special interest in arthroscopic surgery, cartilage transplant, and minimally invasive surgery.

## When You Enter Our Office for the First Time . . .

our receptionist will ask you to fill out a new patient registration form. This information is necessary so that we can contact you if necessary and so that we can fully and accurately complete any insurance/disability forms.

After completing the patient information form, you will be shown into an examination room and may be asked to put on an examination gown if appropriate, such as in the case of a spinal exam, etc. The doctor will take your medical history and examine you. Further testing such as x-rays may be necessary for full evaluation of your complaint. A plan of treatment will be recommended and discussed with you. Please feel free to ask the doctor to explain anything you do not understand.

If hospitalization is indicated, it will be discussed with you. The doctors are on the medical staff of Gottlieb Memorial Hospital and Elmhurst Memorial Hospital.

Regular business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Office Hours

The office is closed on Sundays and major holidays. Outside of regular office hours, our telephone answering service can take messages, or contact the doctor in an emergency.

Your doctor may be unavailable from time to time because of an emergency elsewhere, vacation or to attend continuing education programs.