



TENNESSEE ORTHOPAEDIC ALLIANCE

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**Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance, Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics, and
Mid-Tennessee Bone & Joint Clinic Combine,
*Making TOA one of the largest networks of orthopedic care providers in the country.***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (January 1, 2024) – Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (TOA), Nashville, Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics (TOC), Knoxville, and Mid-Tennessee Bone & Joint Clinic (MTBJ), Columbia, have announced that they have combined under the name Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (TOA), making TOA one of the largest networks of orthopedic care providers in the country.

The three Tennessee based orthopedic practices joined forces to usher in a new era of orthopedic care that is centered around providing greater access and delivering expert orthopedic services to meet their patient’s unique and evolving needs. Combined, the group has 107 physicians and a staff of more than 800, with 27 locations in 17 counties, serving patients from the Great Smoky Mountains in Sevierville to the Tennessee River in Waverly. In addition, the combined group offers 11 orthopedic urgent cares, providing a valuable alternative to the emergency room in each community they serve.

“Three years ago, we decided to take a step forward in a partnership with TOC and MTBJ, with the ultimate goal of becoming a unified TOA. I’m excited to announce that this goal has come to fruition beginning January 1, 2024,” said Rob Simmons, TOA Chief Executive Officer.

“Combining the strengths and talents of our providers in these three markets, will allow us to enhance our patient’s access to quality orthopedic care and keep TOA at the forefront of innovative sub-specialty orthopedics across the many communities in the Middle Tennessee and East Tennessee markets.”

Serving patients in Columbia and Middle Tennessee, Mid-Tennessee Bone and Joint Clinic is devoted to the quality care and health of patients through focused attention on their orthopedic well-being. Founded in 1975 in Columbia, Tennessee, Mid-Tennessee Bone and Joint Clinic provides a complete range of orthopedic services including the treatment of fractures, total joint replacement, arthroscopic surgery, spinal surgery, and sports medicine.

“In uniting MTBJ with TOA and TOC under a singular banner, our clinic is embarking on a transformative journey. The new Alliance signifies not only a momentous milestone in the realm of Tennessee’s orthopedic care, but also a reminder of the steadfast commitment we’ve had to our patients since 1975,” said Fred Drews, President. “By combining our Columbia clinic’s

collective expertise, resources, and passion for healthcare with that of TOA clinics in the greater Nashville and Knoxville markets, we are truly better able to fulfill the mission and vision of our surgeons, physicians, providers, and staff. We've enjoyed nearly 50 rewarding years as part of the Columbia community and look forward to many more as TOA Columbia."

Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics has provided orthopedic excellence in East Tennessee for over 20 years with 32 board-eligible/board-certified physicians and locations in Knoxville, Lenoir City, Oak Ridge, and Sevierville.

"Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics has enjoyed being your choice for orthopaedic care in East Tennessee for the last 20 years. We pride ourselves on our commitment to serving patients and expanding access to care throughout our growing locations and team of providers. What you can expect with this partnership between us, MTBJ in Columbia, and TOA in Middle Tennessee is an alignment of core values, specialized patient care, access points for care, and innovative techniques that will expand across the state of Tennessee, elevating this unified practice to be one of the nation's largest," said Dr. Michael Casey, President. "As we come together, we look forward to creating new ventures as one but allowing our patients in East Tennessee to receive the same quality care from their trusted team of providers, just as Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance, East Tennessee."

The combining of Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (TOA), Tennessee Orthopaedic Clinics (TOC), and Mid-Tennessee Bone & Joint Clinic (MTBJ), marks a significant milestone in the field of orthopedic care. By aligning under the name Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (TOA), these three esteemed practices have created one of the largest networks of orthopedic care providers in the country. This strategic collaboration reflects a commitment to enhancing patient experiences, by providing greater access and expert orthopedic services tailored to meet the evolving healthcare needs of their patients.

About Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance:

Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance (TOA) was established in 1926 and is the largest and most comprehensive orthopedic practice in Tennessee. TOA's physicians include over 100 nationally and internationally renowned surgeons who provide specialized expertise in sports medicine, joint replacement, spine, hand, wrist and elbow, foot and ankle, shoulder, physical medicine and rehabilitation, and interventional pain management.

TOA offers its valued patients the convenience of 27 locations, 11 of which include urgent care facilities, and a full array of treatment and diagnostic imaging services including physical therapy, hand therapy, MRI, and durable medical equipment. TOA also provides specialized sports performance training for teams and individuals at their Sports Performance Centers.

TOA is proud to cover more high school and college sports teams than any group in the state of Tennessee. For more information, visit www.toa.com.

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