

## Harvinder S. Sandhu, MD, Appointed Chair of the Department of Orthopedics at Stamford Hospital



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[Harvinder S. Sandhu, MD](#), co-chief emeritus of the spine service at Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) in New York, has been appointed the Chair of the Department of Orthopedics at Stamford Hospital, effective November 1, 2022. Dr. Sandhu succeeds [Charles “Chip” Cornell, MD](#), who is retiring following a distinguished career at HSS culminating in leading the collaboration with Stamford Health since its inception in 2017.

HSS has specialized in musculoskeletal care since 1863 and is ranked no. 1 for orthopedics worldwide and nationwide. Stamford Health is an independent, non-profit healthcare system committed to caring for the community through a wide range of high-quality health and wellness services offered by Stamford Hospital, Stamford Health Medical Group and ambulatory locations throughout southwestern Connecticut. Stamford Hospital has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a “High Performing Hospital” including in the specialty area of Orthopedics, has achieved Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence and Planetree Gold Certification for Excellence in Person-Centered Care. The collaboration was formed to bring world-class orthopedic care closer to home for southern New England residents.

[HSS Orthopedics with Stamford Health](#) offers a comprehensive array of surgical and non-surgical orthopedic services, including sports medicine, sports rehab, joint replacement, and treatment of all conditions affecting the spine, foot and ankle, and hand and upper extremities. HSS orthopedic specialists consult with patients at locations in Stamford, [Hamden](#), and [Wilton](#). If surgery is necessary, HSS surgeons operate at the award-winning Stamford Hospital and Stamford Health Tully Health Center.

Introduced this year at the HSS Stamford location at Chelsea Piers, HSS Orthopedics Now provides patients 16 years of age and older access to orthopedic care for sudden injuries and severe pain, in order to triage, diagnose, treat, and when needed referral to a higher level of care in an expedited timeframe.

“I’m honored to step into this new role and continue building upon the momentum of our relationship with Stamford Health,” said Dr. Sandhu. “Opportunities for growing the initiative include providing the full spectrum of musculoskeletal care across multiple specialties for sports, degenerative, and arthritic related conditions without the need to travel outside the region.”

Before joining HSS in 1997, Dr. Sandhu was chief of the spinal surgery service at UCLA. His clinical practice specializes in minimally invasive spine surgery, robotic surgery, and the use of spinal biologics to enhance healing. Dr. Sandhu is also actively engaged in researching and developing medical devices and instruments used in spinal surgery and holds several patents. In addition, he has authored or co-authored well over 100 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and has received research awards from the North American Spine Society, the Orthopaedic Research Society and the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine, including the prestigious Volvo Award in Spinal Research.

“I look forward to working with Dr. Sandhu as we expand the offerings of our collaboration with HSS to serve more patients in need of high-quality orthopedic services,” said Kathleen Silard, President & CEO at Stamford Health. “We pride ourselves on partnering with the best, and with HSS we’ve created a world-class center for musculoskeletal care in Connecticut. In the coming years, we’ll continue to expand the Collaborative’s geographic footprint in Connecticut, grow the number of providers and enhance our programmatic services to best meet the needs of our community.”

“HSS Orthopedics with Stamford Health will benefit greatly from Dr. Sandhu’s vision and expertise as a clinician, researcher and educator,” said Louis A. Shapiro, president and CEO at HSS. “We thank Dr. Cornell for his exceptional leadership in establishing and evolving our unique collaboration with Stamford Health, to provide an unsurpassed level of orthopedic care align with HSS best practices to thousands of residents living in Connecticut and New England.”

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