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Pictured left to right: Dr. Russell LaFrance and Dr. Rudolph Buckley

Hamilton Orthopaedics Becomes Official Partner of Oneida Health

Oneida, NY - Oneida, NY - Effective in October, Hamilton Orthopaedics Spine and Sports Medicine, with offices in Hamilton and New Hartford, will become an official partner of Oneida Health. With the new partnership, Hamilton Orthopaedics surgeons Dr. Rudolph Buckley and Dr. Russell LaFrance will begin performing most of Hamilton Orthopaedics' hospital-based surgical procedures in the Operating Room (OR) at Oneida Health Hospital in Oneida.

“Hamilton Orthopaedics and Oneida Health have had a collaborative relationship for years focused on providing high-quality orthopedic services to patients in Central New York (CNY),” said Dr. Rudolph Buckley. “Our new partnership will provide a centralized location for Hamilton Orthopaedics patients to receive the high level of quality hospital-based surgical care they are accustomed to in a state-of-the-art OR at Oneida Health.”

Before the agreement with Oneida Health, Dr. Buckley and Dr. LaFrance performed surgical services across multiple healthcare locations in Chenango, Madison, and Oneida counties. “There are many patient care and logistical advantages to providing hospital-based surgical care in a centralized location,” said Dr. Russell LaFrance. “Together, we can create an efficient, cohesive team focused on the continuous growth of surgical outcomes and recovery for patients of Hamilton Orthopaedics through enhanced continuity of care.”

With the agreement, Hamilton Orthopaedics will continue maintaining and operating their out-patient offices. Oneida Health will also continue operating its orthopedic office, Oneida Health Orthopedics, in Oneida. “We welcome Dr. Buckley and Dr. LaFrance to our Orthopedic Surgical team,” said Dr. M. Asad Khalid, Chief of Surgery and Director of Orthopedic Surgery at Oneida Health. “Their addition to our orthopedic surgical team will increase access to more orthopedic services previously unavailable in Oneida for the communities we serve throughout Madison and Oneida counties.”

“For many years, our community has needed increased access to orthopedic services,” said Felissa Koernig, President and CEO of Oneida Health. “The opportunity to partner with two locally renowned orthopedic surgeons, Dr. Buckley and Dr. LaFrance, and to bring their surgical services to Oneida only elevates the high level of orthopedic surgery Oneida Health already provides through Dr. Khalid and our Oneida Health Orthopedics team. With the development of this partnership and future growth, Oneida will soon become a destination for orthopedic surgical services throughout CNY.”

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About Oneida Health

Oneida Health is a regional integrated healthcare network based in Oneida, NY operated by Oneida Health Systems, a New York State not-for-profit corporation. From a four-bed hospital in 1899 to a local leader in patient care for 125 years, Oneida Health has had a singular vision for providing the highest levels of patient safety and experience through the perfect pairing of talented medical professionals and state-of-the-art technology. Offering physical rehabilitation, primary and specialty care, lab draw services, an award-winning hospital, and skilled nursing, Oneida Health invests in the health of its communities through a network of services focused on long-term health and prevention.