South Korea's leading orthopaedic specialty hospital network, Bumin Hospital Group (BHG), has extended its relationship with Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS).

BHG operates four hospitals in South Korea with a total bed size of more than 1,200, and performs approximately 12,000 joint surgeries and 8,000 spine surgeries yearly.

BHG, which became the inaugural member of HSS Global Orthopaedic Alliance in 2015, has achieved operating efficiencies through transfer of HSS best practices and partnering on education and research. Specifically, by collaborating with HSS, BHG refined its clinical pathways for major surgical procedures to use an interdisciplinary care model. HSS clinical and educational teams helped guide transformations at two BHG units—Busan Bumin Hospital and Seoul Bumin Hospital.

"HSS is advancing state-of-the-art musculoskeletal care globally through research, innovation, and a variety of collaborations with quality-focused organizations such as Bumin Hospital Group," said Louis A. Shapiro, president and CEO of HSS. "We have a substantial responsibility and opportunity to distribute knowledge and capabilities that help consumers and providers to realize their potential."

The focus of the two-year partnership extension, from 2018 to 2020, will be on strengthening the Quality Improvement and Infection Control programs at Seoul Bumin Hospital and Haeundae Bumin Hospital.

“We value our knowledge exchange network with HSS,” said Hung-Tae Chung, MD, President of Bumin Hospital Group. “This extended partnership will focus on accomplishing specific tasks in patient safety, quality, and infection improvement.”

In October 2018, HSS hosted six clinical and administrative observers, as part of an educational experience that is integral to the goal of the two-year partnership extension.

“"We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with BHG and share the depth of our experience in delivering world-class orthopaedic and rehabilitative care. Bumin Hospital shares many values with HSS, including a commitment to promoting musculoskeletal health in the global society by providing the best possible care to patients."”

—Mathias P.G. Bostrom, MD
Vice Chairman of HSS Education Institute
Shared Commitment to Delivering the Best Orthopaedic Outcomes

In October 2018, HSS entered into a long-term co-management partnership with Aspen Valley Hospital (AVH) and its OrthoAspen specialist group.

HSS will provide AVH with services including clinical knowledge transfer, medical staff recruitment and development, professional education, research and academic programming, practice quality enhancement, and observerships at HSS for AVH staff.

“This partnership is a great example of our different approach to transforming healthcare,” said Louis A. Shapiro, president and CEO of HSS. “Innovative collaboration among two organizations committed to excellence in a focused specialty offers an alternative source of value to the trend of mass consolidation and commoditization in healthcare.”

The strategic partnership between both hospitals facilitates the accessibility of world-class care to an even greater number of individuals across the United States. “We are thrilled to partner with Aspen Valley Hospital, an exceptional institution in its own right,” said Todd J. Albert, HSS surgeon-in-chief and medical director.

The partnership will enable AVH to deliver value to the Aspen community, said Dave Ressler, CEO of Aspen Valley Hospital. “This is a unique opportunity to advance the excellence of OrthoAspen and assure the most discerning consumers of world-class orthopaedic care right here in Aspen,” he said.

HSS Stavros Niarchos Foundation Academic Visitor Program

Since 2006, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation has supported the advancement of knowledge and skills of Greek orthopaedic surgeons through a partnership with Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS).

This October 2 through December 1, HSS hosted its fourth cohort of academic observers through the HSS Stavros Niarchos Foundation Academic Visitor Program. The program educates Greek orthopaedic surgeons who are embarking on their careers by exposing them to a world-class orthopaedic hospital early in their training. HSS is establishing long-term connections with participants for an ongoing positive impact on the care of patients in Greece.

“This has been a great experience to see how a major hospital operates, and to be exposed to innovative technology that we don’t have at home, like robotic surgery.”

—Leonidas Mitrogiannis, MD

University of Ioannina, Greece

New Center of Excellence for Patients

Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS), Tenet Healthcare Corporation, and United Surgical Partners International (USPI), a Tenet subsidiary, will partner to create an orthopaedic care center in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Located in a new building to be constructed adjacent to Tenet’s Good Samaritan Hospital, the new center will provide outpatient orthopaedic care including diagnostics services, ambulatory surgery, rehabilitation, and sports performance programs. The facility, which is slated to open in 2019, will be staffed by HSS physicians, some of whom will also serve at HSS main campus in New York City.
The selected observers for this fall, Leonidas Mitrogiannis, MD, and Markos Liontos, MD, attended the 2018 Annual HSS Holiday Knee & Hip Course. Dr. Mitrogiannis is from Ioannina, Greece where he is a PhD candidate at University of Ioannina and an orthopaedic clinical fellow in sports medicine at the 251 Air Force General Hospital in Athens, Greece. Dr. Liontos is from Attikon University Hospital in Athens, Greece where he is a PGY5 adult reconstruction and joint replacement resident; he has provided medical support at numerous soccer and basketball athletic events over the past seven years.

The HSS Stavros Niarchos Foundation Orthopaedic Seminar Program was held on November 27, where 15 additional colleagues from Greece attended the program on Management of the Complex Primary Knee & Hip Replacement.

“I’ve really enjoyed Grand Rounds lectures... I’ve also gained improved communication strategies with patients, and hope to do what I see here in Greece.”
— Markos Liontos, MD
Attikon University Hospital, Greece

Educational Programming in China

In May, HSS presented at the 11th Congress of Chinese Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (CAOS) 2018 in Hangzhou, China.

The courses were designed and executed by HSS faculty, Mathias P.G. Bostrom, MD; Michael B. Cross, MD; Seth A. Jerabek, MD; and Peter K. Sculco, MD, along with faculty from CAOS and HSS-China Club Members. The two-day academic event consisted of the HSS-CAOS Arthroplasty forum on the first day and the HSS-CAOS Symposium on the second day.

During the forum’s interactive round table setting, HSS faculty and Chinese surgeons reviewed eight complex cases, which covered the management of acetabular defect and femur side in revision total hip replacement. The didactic lectures on the second day covered valgus knee, young medical osteoarthritis: high tibial osteotomy and unicompartmental knee arthroplasty, infected knee, functional THA planning and robotic execution, development dysplasia of the hip, and multiple disclosure.

Together both events reached over 200 onsite Chinese surgeons, and the courses were recorded and scheduled to upload on HSS eAcademy® platform for continuing educational purposes.

The annual HSS-Peking University (PKU) – Peking Union Medical College Hospital (PUMC) Arthroplasty and Spine Symposium occurred on November 19 in Beijing, China. The Arthroplasty Symposium, Why Total Joints Fail: Instability included HSS faculty Mathias P.G. Bostrom, MD; Michael B. Cross, MD; and Seth A. Jerabek, MD, along with PKU, PUMC faculty and guest speakers. The Spine Deformity Symposium included HSS faculty Han Jo Kim, MD, and Sheeraz Qureshi, MD, MBA, along with PKU, PUMC faculty and guest speakers.

HSS presented at the 13th International Congress of Chinese Orthopaedic Association (COA). The HSS-COA Arthroplasty Session took place on November 21 in Xiamen, China. The session’s theme was complex primary and revision knee, and was moderated by Mathias P.G. Bostrom, MD; Michael B. Cross, MD; and Seth A. Jerabek, MD. In the meantime, Han Jo Kim, MD, presented at the COA Spine Session.
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