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NEW JOINT REPLACEMENT UNIT OPENED YESTERDAY



LANCASTER, Ohio (November 7, 2008) – The Total Joint Replacement Unit Open House and Ribbon Cutting was held yesterday, November 6, 2008, at Fairfield Medical Center on the 4th floor. Tonya Nafzger, Orthopedic Care Coordinator and Dr. Mark D’Onofrio, Fairfield Medical Center Orthopedic Surgeon, cut the ribbon with over 150 people in attendance. Before and after the ribbon cutting people took tours of the unit and enjoyed refreshments in the new Total Joint Replacement Dining area. They also learned more about what is involved when patients need total joint replacement surgery.

Marie Moneypenny, Fairfield Medical Center Case Management Secretary and resident of Lancaster, had both of her knees replaced at the same time after three years of pain, she commented, “Dr. D’Onofrio gave me my life back. I am now able to walk with my dog and of course my dog is happy about that too! Life is good and I am pain free in my knees. I would recommend this surgery to anyone who is suffering from osteoarthritis in their knees. Fairfield Medical Center is THE facility to have knee surgery performed.”

“From the moment patients schedule joint replacement surgery until they’re discharged from Fairfield Medical Center, they will recognize the personalized care our dedicated staff delivers and understand the difference between what is traditionally offered at other hospitals and what we now offer,” Tonya Nafzger, Orthopedic Care Coordinator, said when asked what this new unit will bring to people in our community.

Although Fairfield Medical Center offered traditional total joint replacement surgery for many years before opening this new unit, Fairfield Medical Center wanted to take a step further by developing a more personalized and quality focused system. Now, following the joint replacement procedures that are performed by top-notch orthopedic surgeons, the orthopedic certified nurses in the unit will take over, as well as an experienced physical therapy team. Tonya Nafzger's role as the Orthopedic Care Coordinator is also crucial; making sure patients are on the road to recovery, facilitating their needs as best as possible. If you would like to learn more about the new Total Joint Replacement Unit, please call Tonya Nafzger at 740-687-8276.

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