

Spine Colorado and Durango Orthopedic Associates, in collaboration with our treating partner facility, Mercy Regional Medical Center, teamed up to create the Orthopedic & Spine Center of Excellence at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

The Region’s Leader in Orthopedic & Spine Surgery

When our patients are faced with chronic hip, knee or spine conditions we want to refer them to a specialized center with a track record of excellent outcomes and outstanding customer service. The Orthopedic & Spine Center of Excellence at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Durango is just that, which is why they are the region’s leader in hip, knee and spine surgery.

History and Overview

The Orthopedic & Spine Center of Excellence began in 2005 when surgeons and staff at Mercy Medical Center began working collaboratively to improve clinical quality, patient satisfaction, and outcomes. The team reviewed the entire surgery process from the perspective of the patient, not the caregivers, and redesigned it to better meet patients’ needs. In 2006, Mercy Medical Center became Mercy Regional Medical Center when it relocated to a brand new facility. In the new hospital, with its state-of-the-art technology, private patient rooms, and healing environment, the Center of Excellence has flourished.

Hallmarks of the program include:

- Efficient care that is seamless between the surgeon’s office and the hospital
- Standardization of clinical protocols from provider to provider
- Excellent clinical outcomes
- Valued patient amenities
- Exceptional customer service

**89 % OF PATIENTS WOULD “DEFINITELY”
RECOMMEND MERCY TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

(January through December, 2009)

Spine Procedures

Average Length of Stay in Days:

Spinal Fusion Except Cervical 1.7
Cervical Spinal Fusion..... 1.1

Discharge Disposition:

Home
 Spinal Fusion Except Cervical 98%
 Cervical Spinal Fusion..... 100%
 Skilled Nursing Facility
 Spinal Fusion Except Cervical 2%
 Cervical Spinal Fusion..... 0%

Major Joint Procedures

Average Length of Stay in Days: 3.1

Discharge Disposition:

Home..... 76.5%
 Skilled Nursing Facility 22.6%
 Acute Rehabilitation Facility 0%
 Swing Bed 0.9%