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Hoag Orthopedic Institute Announces Appointment of Hafiz Kassam, M.D., as Inaugural Director of the Shoulder Reconstruction Program

IRVINE, CA (Nov. 12, 2024) – Renowned orthopedic shoulder surgeon, Dr. Hafiz Kassam, has been appointed the inaugural Director of the Shoulder Reconstruction Program at Hoag Orthopedic Institute (HOI), one of the nation’s largest providers of orthopedic care.

In his new role, Dr. Kassam will lead the development and strategic direction of HOI’s shoulder program, ensuring that cutting-edge innovations in shoulder treatment are seamlessly integrated into patient care. He will chair the Shoulder Program Committee, driving collaborative efforts to enhance clinical outcomes and patient experiences. Dr. Kassam’s leadership will also focus on advancing education, quality improvement, and performance initiatives across the program.

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Kassam to lead our Shoulder Reconstruction Program,” said Kim Mikes, MBA, RN, CEO of Hoag Orthopedic Institute. “His deep expertise in shoulder care, coupled with his dedication to advancing orthopedic practices, makes him the perfect fit to guide this critical program. We are confident that under his leadership, the program will continue to set new standards in the field and deliver exceptional outcomes for our patients.”

Dr. Kassam brings a wealth of experience to HOI, with a distinguished background in shoulder reconstruction and a passion for implementing the latest advancements in surgical techniques and patient care. He is committed to further elevating HOI's reputation as a national leader in orthopedic care, ensuring patients have access to the most innovative and effective treatments available.

Dr. Kassam is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in shoulder and elbow surgery. He is an expert in minimally invasive techniques in shoulder and elbow joint replacement, as well as advanced arthroscopy, traumatic reconstruction, and non-operative treatments. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the Arthroscopy Association of North America, as well as the highly selective society of American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons. Dr. Kassam is regularly invited as faculty at national courses on shoulder and elbow surgery and is currently a member of several multi-center research initiatives.

He pursued his education and training at world-class institutions in three different countries. After completing his undergraduate work and medical training in the United Kingdom, he completed his residency at the University of Toronto, which is one of the largest and most academically productive programs in North America. He then moved to the United States and completed his shoulder and elbow fellowship training at Yale University.

Dr. Kassam has performed nearly 2,000 shoulder replacements and arthroscopic reconstructions in his career so far. He was the first to complete a robotic-assisted reverse



shoulder arthroplasty in California and the fifth surgeon in the world to utilize this groundbreaking technology. HOI performs the highest volume of shoulder replacements and shoulder reconstructions in Orange County.

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About Hoag Orthopedic Institute

Hoag Orthopedic Institute (HOI) is an orthopedic and spine specialty hospital and ambulatory surgery center network located in Orange County, Calif. It consists of a specialty hospital located in Irvine and

five ambulatory surgery centers in Aliso Viejo, Newport Beach, Mission Viejo, Orange and Beverly Hills. HOI has more than 300 physicians on staff, including more than 80 orthopedic specialists. HOI was formed as an innovative partnership between 38 entrepreneurial physicians and Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in 2010. In 2018, HOI entered into a strategic partnership with Providence St. Joseph Health to expand access to HOI's quality and value in the communities they serve. HOI has consistently performed in the top 5% of all Press Ganey clients for the past seven years for likelihood to recommend and overall hospital rating. HOI specializes in treatments of knee, hip and spine disorders, sports medicine, orthopedic trauma, and extremities care. Since opening in 2010, HOI's hospital has been named by U.S. News & World Report and Becker's Orthopedic, Spine & Pain Management Review as one of the top orthopedic hospitals in the nation. For more information, visit <https://www.hoagorthopedicinstitute.com>.