

Dear Patients and Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce the formation of the Hip and Pelvis Institute at Saint John's Health Center. Saint John's shares the vision I have had of a center for hip and pelvis problems, and therefore, the Institute has become a reality.

For the past 16 years, I have devoted my orthopedic practice to hip and pelvis problems. By concentrating on this specialty, I feel that I have contributed to its advancement and have often been able to provide unique benefits to my patients.

Why a hip and pelvis institute? I believe that an anatomic-based orthopedic specialty (hip and pelvis surgery) has advantages over a procedure-based specialty. These advantages benefit scientific advancement as well as patient care.

In regard to scientific advancement, lessons learned in one area of hip and pelvis surgery – such as hip preserving surgeries – lead to new and positive developments in all areas of hip replacement surgery. From the patient's viewpoint, he or she can trust that we can offer a wider range of treatment options at the Institute, versus consulting with a surgeon who is expert in only one procedure.

In addition, clinical documentation and research have been important to me for validating and directing state-of-the-art treatment. The Hip and Pelvic Institute at Saint John's Health Center will facilitate and enhance this effort.

My colleagues and I are fortunate and enthusiastic about our partnership with Saint John's Health Center, a premier hospital in California. The efforts and contributions of the present and past medical staff at Saint John's is a primary factor in this excellence.

In addition, Saint John's new patient rooms and exceptional patient care facilities, combined with a high standard of nursing and patient-friendly efficiencies, create an optimal place for healing. Continued development of diagnostic, treatment and educational facilities also remain in high gear at Saint John's.

We welcome the chance to get to know you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Matta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Joel M. Matta, M.D.

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