



Dear Colleagues,

I am incredibly proud to share that tomorrow, Healthgrades will announce that UM St. Joseph Medical Center has been recognized as one of **America's 50 Best Hospitals for Outpatient Joint Replacement**.



Before COVID-19, it was hard to imagine our joint replacement patients going home the same day as surgery. We had to think differently, innovate and transform and this award is the result of that incredible work, open-mindedness and focus on best outcomes.

I would like to thank our physician and advanced practice provider partners at Towson Orthopaedic Associates, our nurses, our physical therapists, our registrars, our surgical prep and PACU teams and everyone who has had a hand in making this new process a reality.

This award reflects your dedication to clinical excellence and distinguishes UM SJMC as one of the nation's leading hospitals for outpatient joint replacement. Better never stops!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Thomas B. Smyth, MD
President and CEO