



# NEWS RELEASE

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### **Halton Healthcare Services welcomes Orthopaedic Surgeons to Georgetown Hospital**

Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has welcomed two new orthopaedic surgeons to Georgetown Hospital. Dr. Vikram Venkateswaran and Dr. Chris Lu opened the doors to their Georgetown practices in July.

Dr. Venkateswaran holds a fellowship in sports medicine from the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Alabama under the supervision of Dr. James Andrews. He focuses on sports injuries and arthroscopic treatment of the shoulder, elbow and knee.

Dr. Lu has two fellowships from the University of Toronto -- one in advanced adult lower extremity reconstruction from Mount Sinai Hospital under the supervision of Dr. Allan Gross and a second fellowship in foot and ankle surgery from Toronto Western Hospital under the supervision of Dr. Johnny Lau & Dr. Pradeep Alexander. His speciality includes sports injuries and arthroscopic treatment of the knee, foot and ankle.

“We are very fortunate to have two highly skilled orthopaedic surgeons of such calibre join our surgical team and our community,” noted Dr. Donald Trant, Associate Chief of Staff and Medical Director of the Georgetown Family Practice Program. “With their distinct specialties they will provide a comprehensive range of orthopaedic services to the residents of Halton Hills.”

Cindy McDonnell, Chief Operating Officer of GH explains that the new service will provide 24/7 orthopaedic consulting coverage, an on-site fracture clinic, and dedicated Operating Room time for both orthopaedic surgeons. The program’s scope of service are consistent with that of a small community hospital and include both inpatient and outpatient treatment of fractures including hips, sports injuries and outpatient arthroscopies.

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“Previously our local family physicians had to refer their patients with sports injuries, hip or ankle fractures and those requiring surgery to Brampton. Now these services can be provided here locally at our hospital. In time, this new enhanced program will change the referral patterns,” notes Ms. McDonell. “Dr. Venkateswaran and Dr. Lu are great additions to our hospital and the Georgetown medical community. We are very excited about having them and expanding our services at Georgetown Hospital.”

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**Caption:**

Left to Right: Dr. Vikram Venkateswaran (left) and Dr. Chris Lu (Right) GH’s new Orthopaedic Surgeons, flank Cindy McDonell, Chief Operating Officer of GH

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