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AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS FOR VOLUNTEER WORK
IN HAITI**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. – (February 2011) - During the opening ceremony at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons 2011 annual meeting in San Diego on February 16, Dr. Harvey Montijo, orthopaedic surgeon on staff at Good Samaritan Medical Center, was recognized among over 480 other Academy members for volunteering to dedicate their skills and service in Haiti during the immediate earthquake crisis response last year. With the collective volunteer Haiti relief efforts of its members, the Academy- along with only five other associations- was presented with the prestigious Spirit of Excellence Award from the American Society of Association Executives in September 2010.

“We are proud to celebrate Dr. Montijo’s recognition from the Academy for his generous volunteer efforts in Haiti,” said CEO Mark Nosacka. “He has truly made a significant impact in the lives of thousands of Haitian people and his selfless acts of philanthropy are to be commended.”

As a native of Puerto Rico, Dr. Montijo was motivated to rush to the aid of the Caribbean community and work with The Dorsainvil Foundation, a non-profit organization that sponsors free medical missions to Haiti. Within a week of the initial earthquake disaster, Dr. Montijo was on a plane to Port-au-Prince to provide triage and trauma care to hundreds of victims. With rudimentary medical supplies and facilities, Dr. Montijo performed many surgical procedures on whatever the medical team could find in the rubble, which even included dining room tables at times. On some days, Dr. Montijo’s team treated up to 250 people in merely a few hours.

Between the initial disaster and June 2010, Dr. Montijo completed five medical mission trips to Haiti. Dr. Montijo continues to support relief efforts in Haiti by regularly sending donations of medical supplies and equipment such as crutches and wheelchairs. For many years, he has also supported a Haitian orphanage of whom he calls his “family.”

Dr. Montijo is a Board-Certified Orthopaedic Surgeon and Total Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Specialist on Staff at Good Samaritan Medical Center. He is among the many skilled physicians affiliated with Good Samaritan Medical Center's orthopedic program. They utilize some of the most cutting-edge technology to perform a broad range of procedures, including arthroscopic surgery of the knee, elbow and shoulder, as well as hip and total knee replacements. One of the most advanced techniques now offered at Good Samaritan Medical Center is the MAKOpasty® partial knee resurfacing to treat adults living with early to mid-stage osteoarthritis.

[About Good Samaritan Medical Center](#)

Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital, which has been providing sophisticated, personalized medical care to the populations of Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for more than 90 years.

As one of the area's leading cancer centers, the hospital's Cancer Institute provides comprehensive cancer services through the Comprehensive Breast Center, Gamma Knife Radiosurgery, and a Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Transplant Unit. The Surgical Institute offers patients minimally invasive surgical techniques through advanced surgical robotic technology. The hospital also cares for patients with known or suspected cardiovascular diseases through its Cardiac and Vascular Institute. Good Samaritan Medical Center was featured in a special advertisement in the "America's Best Hospitals" 2010 issue of US News & World Report to commemorate their receipt of the *Get With the Guidelines* Coronary Artery Disease GOLD Award, GOLD Heart Failure Award, and SIVER Stroke Award. Certified as a Primary Stroke Center by the Joint Commission, Good Samaritan delivers timely, advanced protocols proven to save the lives and health of stroke patients.

In addition, Good Samaritan is proud to feature "Special Deliveries," its maternity services department. The hospital houses The Newborn Suites, which are private recovery suites that offer quiet relaxation and wonderful amenities. Many additional services are available on the Good Samaritan Medical Center campus through the Sleep Disorders Center, a full-service, 24-hour Emergency Department, and a wide range of diagnostic and surgical outpatient services. Good is also home to The Palms Medical Detoxification, one of a select few hospital-based medically supervised alcohol and drug detoxification centers.

To learn more about Good Samaritan Medical Center, or to find a doctor, visit www.goodsamaritanmc.com or call 561-655-5511.

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