

## **Press Release**

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### **Dr. Geoffrey Westrich Named "Top Doctor" in New York magazine and other Consumer Guides**

(New York City. June 8, 2020.) Dr. Geoffrey Westrich, director of research in the Adult Reconstruction and Joint Replacement Service at Hospital for Special Surgery, has been named a top orthopedic surgeon in New York magazine's newly published "2020 Best Doctors" issue. This is the latest honor for Dr. Westrich, who has appeared on top doctors lists in several prestigious consumer guides since the beginning of the year.

Dr. Westrich specializes in diagnosing and treating complex injuries and diseases of the hip and knee, treating adults of all ages. He specializes in joint replacement, revision surgery, minimally invasive hip and knee replacement, partial knee replacement, MAKO robotic-assisted surgery and complex hip and knee reconstruction. He chairs the Complex Case Preoperative Review Panel and the Infection Control Committee at Hospital for Special Surgery and serves on a number of additional hospital committees promoting excellence in patient care. He is also a Professor of Clinical Orthopedic Surgery at Weill Medical College of Cornell University

*New York* magazine's "Best Doctors" issue is an annual guide that seeks to list the top physicians in the New York metro area. This is the seventh year Dr. Westrich has been named in the in the highly competitive directory compiled by Castle Connolly, a research and information firm. The company conducts a peer-review survey, asking physicians to nominate colleagues who, in their judgment, are the best in their field and related fields.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be among the physicians chosen for this guide, especially in the current health care climate. During the pandemic, it remains our goal to provide outstanding and compassionate care to our patients, either during an office visit or via a telehealth virtual consultation," said Dr. Westrich. "We are doing all we can to meet the needs of our patients, and our heart goes out to those with chronic pain who had their surgery postponed due to COVID-19. Now that elective surgeries can resume, we are taking every precaution and have instituted extensive protocols to protect the health of our patients and staff."

The *New York* magazine honor is Dr. Westrich's third major recognition in 2020. Earlier this year, he was listed in the latest edition of "America's Top Doctors," which seeks to identify the best specialists in the country. Physicians who appear on the list are among the top one percent of specialists around the country based on peer nominations, according to Castle Connolly, which publishes the list on its website.

Last month, Dr. Westrich was named to "Super Doctors," a directory published by MSP Communications. The list came out in a special insert in *The New York Times* and appeared online. Potential candidates are evaluated based on various indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement, including hospital appointments, leadership positions, academic achievements, publications, and professional activities, according to the publisher.

Dr. Westrich sees patients at Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan and at an affiliated office in Fresh Meadows, Queens. In addition to his medical degree, which he received from Tufts University School of Medicine, Dr. Westrich has a background in engineering. Upon graduating from Tufts School of Engineering, he was invited to join Eta Kappa Nu, a prestigious engineering honors society. His degree in engineering comes into play when he is called on to help design new and improved joint replacements and surgical instrumentation.

Dr. Westrich is a past president of the prestigious Eastern Orthopaedic Association and belongs to several professional societies, including the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons, and the Arthritis Foundation.

Dr. Westrich is an expert in revision joint replacement surgery and has been recognized for taking on the most challenging cases. His successful efforts to save a woman's leg after several doctors told her it needed to be amputated were showcased as a "medical marvel" in *New York* magazine, as well as in several newspaper articles and television reports. To read the report: <http://nymag.com/health/bestdoctors/2006/17267/>

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