

Success Stories

The care provided by Dr. Westrich has given many patients a new lease on life. People who suffered from unrelenting pain and could barely walk become pain-free following surgery. They are happy to be able to return to activities they had abandoned. All patients receive the highest level of care, but two stories stand out:

An Olympic gold-medal figure skater sought Dr. Westrich's expertise to relieve unrelenting severe hip pain that had him on the sidelines. Following minimally invasive hip replacement, this world-class athlete is back in the ice skating rink and has set his sights on competing again.

Another dramatic patient story was featured as a "Medical Marvel" in *New York Magazine* in 2006. In the article, the patient recounts how Dr. Westrich saved her leg after five doctors told her it would need to be amputated from the hip. Dr. Westrich performed a rare and complex procedure called a total femur replacement, replacing her thigh bone and performing a hip and knee replacement at the same time.

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Dr. Geoffrey H. Westrich is an Attending Orthopedic Surgeon, Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery and Director of Joint Replacement Research at the renowned Hospital for Special Surgery in Manhattan.



The Hospital for Special Surgery was ranked the #1 hospital for orthopedics nationwide by *U.S. News & World Report*. In the *Health Grades' Hospital Quality in America Study*, the hospital received five-star ratings for clinical excellence.

Because it is a specialty hospital dedicated exclusively to orthopedics and rheumatology, Hospital for Special Surgery does the greatest volume of cases, provides the highest level of care and offers the latest innovations and medical advances that will benefit patients.

*...and at the
Affiliated Physician
Offices in Queens*

Dr. Westrich also sees patients at a Hospital for Special Surgery Affiliated Physicians Office in Fresh Meadows, Queens. Patients receive the same outstanding care and orthopedic expertise at this convenient location on Union Turnpike, near Utopia Parkway. The site offers low-cost garage parking and wheelchair access.

Meet the Doctor



Geoffrey H. Westrich, MD

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Board-certified in orthopedic surgery, Dr. Westrich is an accomplished and highly-respected physician. At Hospital for Special Surgery, he provides the highest level of care, treating patients with compassion and respect.

Highly specialized in orthopedic problems of the hip and knee, Dr. Westrich has more than 10 years of experience. He has performed thousands of surgeries, including minimally invasive total joint replacement.

Dr. Westrich trains other doctors, conducts research that will benefit patients and has written numerous articles for prestigious medical journals. He has won awards for studies that have advanced the field of orthopedic surgery.

Dr. Westrich is among a select group of orthopedic surgeons featured in *Top Doctors: New York Metro Area*. The book is a guide to finding the best physicians in the tri-state area, representing the top 10 percent of doctors in their respective medical specialties.

Advanced Solutions for Joint Replacement

Dr. Westrich's Special Expertise

Advances in knee replacement give patients more options. Dr. Westrich is among a select group of highly specialized orthopedic surgeons performing minimally invasive knee replacement with small incisions.

Some patients may be candidates for a partial or custom knee replacement. These patients have painful arthritis that is limited to a certain area of the knee, making a total knee replacement unnecessary. Many patients considered too young for total joint replacement are finding pain relief with these newer, less invasive procedures.

Dr. Westrich also performs minimally invasive total hip replacement. This revolutionary technique, entails a small incision, generally 3-4 inches, as opposed to the standard 12 inches. This leads to a better cosmetic result, a quicker recovery, less pain and faster rehabilitation for most patients.

Another area of special expertise is arthroscopic hip surgery. Only a handful of orthopedic surgeons have the skill and experience to perform this procedure, which uses small incisions and a video camera to see inside the hip joint. With this minimally invasive technique, Dr. Westrich can repair hip injuries and relieve pain without a large incision and lengthy recovery.



Total Joint Replacement of the Hip (left) and Knee (right)

About the Practice

Dr. Geoffrey H. Westrich is committed to providing the highest quality of orthopedic care.

He specializes in diagnosing and treating all types of injuries and diseases of the hip and knee. Because he is highly specialized in these areas, Dr. Westrich is able to provide expert care and the latest advances that will benefit his patients.

Areas of Expertise:

- Hip & Knee Pain & Injuries
- Arthritis Management
- Arthroscopic Hip & Knee Surgery
- Minimally Invasive Total Joint Replacement
- Partial Joint Replacement
- Custom Knee Replacement
- Revision Surgery
- Complex Hip & Knee Reconstruction
- Complicated, Difficult Cases
- Trauma & Fracture Treatment

Dr. Westrich is considered a foremost expert in joint replacement. Companies that make hip and knee implants have called on him for his expertise in developing state-of-the-art joint replacements and surgical instrumentation.

Dr. Westrich is also often called on by the media for his knowledge. He has been featured in numerous print and broadcast reports.