

## A Message from Your Surgeons

Welcome from your surgeons, Sky Lakes Medical Center, and your health care team. We will all be working with you in partnership to prepare you for your joint replacement surgery. You are our most important team member. Together, we will accomplish our team goals of: effective preparation, successful surgical procedure, smooth recovery, and finally, a safe discharge.

Your care will be coordinated by your surgeon and a team of Sky Lakes Medical Center nurses. Other members of the health care team will also be available to assist you, as necessary. They include: physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, and dietitians.

Our goal is to return you to your maximum functional ability. You play a vital role in reaching that goal. Recovery is a process that starts before you enter the hospital with education and participation. When you complete your hospital stay, recovery carries on at home and throughout your life. We could not achieve the expected outcomes without your hard work and effort.

We hope this information will assist you in preparing for your surgical procedure and will help to facilitate your recovery. Please, read it carefully and feel free to ask questions of any team member.



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**EDWARD L. VAN TASSEL, D.O.**

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**GILLIAN A. BAYLEY, M.D.**

is an orthopedic surgeon fully trained in the treatment of all foot and ankle problems. She obtained her medical degree and residency at the University of Ottawa in Ontario, Canada. Her foot and ankle reconstruction fellowship training was completed at the University of Calgary. She is a member of multiple orthopedic and medical associations.