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**JEWETT ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC OPENS ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S FIRST WALK-IN
CONVENIENT CARE CENTERS DEDICATED TO TREATING ORTHOPAEDIC INJURIES**

WINTER PARK, Fla. – Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic recently opened the Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center in Winter Park, Central Florida's first walk-in center dedicated solely to treating broken bones, sprains, strains and lacerations.

Until now, when someone broke a bone, their only option was usually a visit to an emergency room where they might wait six hours or more for treatment. This is because most orthopaedic physicians' offices are booked up two to three weeks in advance. In addition, traditional urgent care centers typically don't treat broken bones because they lack the necessary orthopaedic specialists on staff. Meanwhile, Central Florida's emergency rooms are overwhelmed with patients, and because they are not life-threatening, orthopaedic problems typically fall to the bottom of the triage list. With weekend hours, the new Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center located at 801 S. Orlando Avenue, Suites A-K (entrance on Minnesota Avenue), offers a convenient, cost-effective alternative.

"This innovative center really fills a critical and growing gap in our community – making high-quality orthopaedic care easier and more affordable to access," said John McCutchen, M.D., Jewett's CEO.

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The Center is staffed to provide diagnosis and care for a wide variety of school, sports, work and everyday injuries. The new center houses an MRI as well as digital imaging, including a state-of-the-art PACS (picture archiving and communications system), a technology that some local hospitals have secured in recent years but is rarely found in physicians' offices. Additional services include physical and occupational therapy, an in-house pharmacy and a full range of orthotic devices.

Before she retired at the end of May, Windermere resident Margie LaBarge worked as an administrator with Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) and suffered a bad fall after tripping over a chair as she was getting up from a meeting. LaBarge injured her left knee, foot and shoulder, and had a difficult time walking. She called the OCPS employee health department, and they suggested she go directly to the Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center.

"I was so impressed by the Center's efficiency, professionalism, friendliness and compassion," said LaBarge. "I was seen right away and felt immediately that everyone on the staff, from the front desk to the physician assistant, was there to take care of me. I have been in this community for a long time and injured before. This was better than any medical facility I have been to in the last 40 years."

The Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center accepts most major insurance plans and charges the same co-payment as a doctor's office visit, which is less expensive than an emergency room or urgent care center co-pay. Current hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., and no appointment is necessary.

Founded in 1936 by Eugene L. Jewett, M.D., the Jewett Orthopaedic Clinic has been recognized internationally as a pioneer and leader in orthopaedic care for more than 70 years, performing some of the first total knee replacements in the state of Florida and some of the first arthroscopic knee surgeries in the Southeast, as well as designing and developing several innovative joint replacement systems used worldwide. The Clinic's 23 board-certified/board-eligible, fellowship-trained physicians, ten physician

assistants and team of healthcare professionals provide a full range of orthopaedic care, specializing in sports medicine, joint replacement, foot and ankle care, surgery and rehabilitation of the hand, and care for spinal injuries and conditions. Jewett serves as the team physicians for the Orlando Magic, the University of Central Florida, Rollins College, the Orlando Predators, the Orlando Ballet and Cirque du Soleil. The practice has seven offices throughout Central Florida.

For more information or to reach the Orthopaedic Convenient Care Center, call 407-599-3710 or visit www.jewettortho.com.

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