With more than 36 highly trained orthopedic surgeons across 25 locations, Ochsner provides the highest level of specialized orthopedic care in the Gulf South. Our orthopedic patients spend fewer days in the hospital and experience fewer complications compared to national averages. Ochsner Orthopedics and Sports Medicine is:

- Nationally recognized by U.S. News & World report as High Performing for Hip Replacement, Knee Replacement and Orthopedics.
- Recognized by Healthgrades as one of America’s 100 Best Hospitals for Joint Replacement.
- Now offering specialized services through a Hand and Upper Extremity Center and The Child and Adult Hip Preservation Center, the first program in the Gulf South focused on comprehensive care for patients with complex hip problems.
MISSION
We Serve, Heal, Lead, Educate and Innovate.

VISION
Ochsner will be a global medical and academic leader who will change and save lives. We will shape the future of healthcare through our integrated health system, fueled by the passion and strength of our diversified team of physicians and employees.

Please visit ochsner.org/donorimpact to learn more about how donors like you are impacting patient care across Ochsner Health. Some photos in this report may have been taken before COVID-19.
We completed 134,804 patient visits, 400 more than 2019, even with COVID-19.
Orthopedics and Sports medicine clinic patient experience scores for likelihood to recommend the practice were at the 80th percentile.
Orthopedic oncology was a new service added in collaboration with the Gayle and Tom Benson Cancer Center.
Led a systemwide Safe to Return to Play program to return to athletics post COVID-19.

The Employee Assistance Fund was created to support Ochsner employees during times of significant need. Recently, the fund has provided financial assistance for the front-line workers who put their lives on hold to protect our community from COVID-19.

Your support ensures that resources are always there when our front-line employees need them most. In 2020, the Employee Assistance Fund provided support to 341 Ochsner Health employees for hurricane relief, COVID-19 crises, childcare and temporary financial relief.

The Pandemic Response Research Fund was used for the Seroprevalance COVID-19 trial conducted by Amy Feehan, PhD, in Baton Rouge. Using a novel recruitment method and combined molecular and antibody testing for COVID-19, her study determined seroprevalence in a racially diverse municipality in Louisiana. Infections were highly variable by zip code and differed by race and ethnicity. Overall census-weighted seroprevalence was 6.9 percent, and the calculated infection fatality ratio was 1.61 percent.
2,440 VIRTUAL VISITS WERE COMPLETED, A NEW SERVICE OFFERED TO PATIENTS DURING COVID-19

TOP FUNDS SUPPORTED
• Orthopedic Research Fund
• Arthrex Sports Medicine Fund
• Breg Grant Ochsner Clinical School Sports Medicine Program
• DJO/OCF Sports Medicine Program
• Orthopedics Sports Medicine Initiative Fund

58 DONORS LIKE YOU DONATED $281,174.60 TO 11 FUNDS
Orthopedic Sports Medicine Initiative Fund

The Orthopedic Sports Medicine Initiative Fund was established to assist with research and development of the orthopedic and sports medicine facility, including any products, equipment, computer supplies or other associated needs.

In 2020, the Orthopedic Sports Medicine Initiative Fund was used for graduation dinner supplies including plaques for the sports medicine fellows and fees associated with abstract submissions. Typically, it would also help fund the fellows’ annual professional education trip, but it was canceled due to the pandemic.
Orthopedic Development Fund

The Orthopedic Development Fund was established to address the education, research, clinical care, prevention and infrastructure needs of the Orthopedics Department. In 2020, this fund was allowed to accumulate to provide greater resources for future initiatives.

In the past, this fund helped upgrade the teleconference equipment in the Orthopedic Conference Center, to help fulfill the academic mission of educating the residents.

Your Support Helps People like Roland J.

Roland needed a total knee replacement during the pandemic.

“I did a lot of personal research,” said Roland. “I wanted the robotic assisted surgery because I understood it was the most precise option. I was referred to Ochsner and I was very pleased with the outcome.”

Roland also appreciated how COVID-19 protocols were handled during the pandemic.

“I was at Ochsner at a unique time,” he said. “The sterility, physical distancing, and other procedures that had to be put in place were implemented very professionally and efficiently.”
Dr. William A. Dunn Orthopedic Fund

The Dr. William A. Dunn Orthopedic Fund is used to provide support for residents to pursue educational opportunities. In 2020, the following residents received your support:

- Bhumit Desai, MD PGY-1
  Hometown: Baton Rouge, LA

- Parth Desai, MD PGY-2
  Hometown: Columbus, GA

- Brian Godshaw, MD Class of 2020
  Hometown: Vienna, VA

- Lacy Lavie, MD PGY-4
  Hometown: New Orleans, LA

- Michael Nammour, MD PGY-4
  Hometown: Ruston, LA

- Connor Ojard, MD Class of 2020
  Hometown: Spanish Fort, AL

We completed more than 3,000 surgeries at Ochsner Hospital for Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, and patient experience scores regarding their likelihood to recommend the hospital were at the 98th percentile.
Your support provided license renewals, lead glasses to protect from radiation, submission fees for academic papers, training courses and review courses.
RESEARCH

“We’re able to deliver dramatic, life-changing results with less recovery time and scarring. Embracing this innovative procedure is one of many ways Ochsner Hospital for Children is investing in the future and well-being of our patients.”

Dr. Lawrence Haber
Chief of Pediatric Orthopedic and Spine Surgery

Orthopedics Research

Dr. Lawrence Haber is an Ochsner pediatric orthopaedic surgeon that specializes in pediatric spinal pathologies such as scoliosis. In addition to being an internationally renowned surgeon, leader and teacher, he is actively involved in research to improve patient care everywhere. Most of his research is centered around scoliosis, which is supported by donors like you.

Dr. Haber is involved in several multi-center trials. In one soon-to-be-published study, several southern centers came together to research the effects of obesity on the complication rates of scoliosis patients treated with spinal fusions. In an NIH-funded study led by Washington University, Ochsner is collaborating to find the genetic causes of scoliosis. Dr. Haber is one of the surgeons pioneering the shift in scoliosis treatment from maximally invasive fusions to minimally invasive surgeries—preserving motion in a higher number of patients. As part of this quest, he is a leading force in the application of a new technique, Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT), and is involved in multiple research projects—primarily through the Harms Study Group—to generate data and better define its indications. Dr. Haber is one of six surgeons selected by Zimmer Biomet Spine to teach the technique to other surgeons, and sees children from Florida to Texas who seek the innovative treatment.
His team of pediatric orthopedic and spine surgeons at Ochsner also lead several in-house studies. One study, “Effective Use of Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) after Pediatric Posterior Spinal Fusion,” is helping us learn who is at risk for complications after pediatric spine surgery. With 60 patients already enrolled, we are already getting great data on how to improve patient care. Through another study soon to be presented at the Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America (POSNA), the Ochsner team found that the use of virtual reality goggles can help keep children calm during procedures. The study included original software with interactive programs.

Dr. Haber’s dedication to improving patient care has rendered him a national leader, involved in countless societies and committees. He recently served on the board of directors for the Scoliosis Research Society (SRS), has served as CME Chair at Ochsner and is currently the chair for Blended Learning for SRS. He has also been very active in POSNA and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Haber is an empathetic and caring doctor. His friendly demeanor and kind attitude are apparent in every one of his patient interactions. We are proud to have him as an award-winning physician at Ochsner Hospital for Children.

The Orthopedic Research Fund was used to support Orthopedic spine research. Your generosity allowed us to participate in an annual spine collaborative where we benchmark our results nationally.

Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Services

- Sports Medicine Institute
- Hand and Upper Extremity Center
- Total Joint Replacement Surgery
- Foot & Ankle Surgery
- Spine Surgery
- Pediatric Orthopedics
- Orthopedic Oncology
- Orthopedic Trauma
THANK YOU!