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RUSH MEMORIAL RECRUITS WORLD RENOWNED SURGEON

In a coup of major proportions, Brad Smith, CEO of Rush Memorial Hospital, today announced that Dr. James Strickland, internationally known orthopedic surgeon, is now affiliated with RMH and will play a leading role in helping build an orthopedic practice locally. "Dr. Strickland is one of the most highly respected hand surgeons in the country. To have him as a member of our surgical team is truly a huge step forward for Rush Memorial," Smith said. Dr. Strickland, who has published over 200 articles and given more than 800 lectures on orthopedic surgery around the world, said, "No one should doubt the healthcare available at Rush Memorial Hospital. It offers the highest quality of care in the area."

"Many people have the misconception that to receive first-class medical care, they have to go an Indianapolis hospital to get it. We're simply continuing our efforts to keep and attract the finest specialists and primary care physicians available to insure that patients can receive quality care right here in our community. Dr. Strickland's decision wasn't based on the size of our hospital, but on the facilities we have, the competence of our staff, and our mutual philosophy towards patient care," Smith stressed. "

Dr. Strickland, in addition to becoming a member of the growing Rush Memorial Medical Staff, is a clinical professor in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Indiana University School of Medicine. He is also the Founder of the Indiana Hand Center, Past President of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand, and Past President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. His other interests have included serving as a member of the board of the Eiteljorg Museum of Western Art, and the board of the Indiana Arthritis Foundation.

"I still love the challenge of interfacing with patients who present widely varied clinical conditions, getting to know them, and trying to solve their most troubling problems as they relate to the hand and upper extremity," Dr. Strickland said. Commenting further, Dr. Strickland said, "I am perhaps proudest of the fact that during my 30 years at the Indiana Hand Clinic, we trained over 150 national and international hand surgeons almost all of whom are still practicing hand surgery in their various communities." In conclusion, Smith said, "The fact that Dr. Strickland has joined our Medical Staff says very good things about the direction in which Rush Memorial Hospital is headed."