

South Bend Orthopedics (SBO) and Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center (OSMC), the two leading orthopedic providers serving North Central Indiana and Southwestern Michigan, will be joining together to form a new company. The new company will be named Ascendant Orthopedic Alliance and will bring together the current seven offices located in South Bend, Elkhart, Mishawaka, Goshen, La Porte, Middlebury, and Nappanee.

“The two organizations do very similar work in adjacent communities,” said Don Hammond CEO of the new company. “As the name suggests, Ascendant will be the preeminent orthopedic resource for patients throughout the region.”

Ascendant anticipates few visible changes, as all offices will remain open and there are no anticipated staffing changes. By combining the two existing firms, the new company will have the patient base and capital required to support the large investments necessary to provide state-of-the-art services and staffing in the ever changing healthcare environment.

According to Hammond, “We’ll be able to share our resources, including staff and all 40 physicians, as well as communications among all of our offices, making it more convenient for our patients and our referring physicians. Our focus will continue to better serve our patients and communities in the most cost effective way.”

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