



North East Alliance Surgery Center to Open This Fall

- *New center to provide spine, orthopedic and podiatric surgery, pain management and other services to patients in Hamden and surrounding areas*
- *Expected to bring about 20 full-time jobs during its first year*

(Hamden, Conn. — May 2, 2018) — North East Alliance Surgery Center (NEASC) will open this fall, bringing quality surgical care and about 20 full-time jobs to Hamden during the first year of operation.

In partnership with Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC (SCA), NEASC will focus on minimally invasive spine, orthopedic and podiatric surgery, as well as pain management, specialized retina care and interventional cardiology. NEASC and its physicians will work closely with primary care, physiatry and interventional pain management physicians to enhance continuity of care prior to and after surgical procedures.

SCA is a leader in the outpatient surgery industry and part of Optum, a technology-enabled health services and innovation company.

“North East Alliance Surgery Center will provide safe, innovative, high-value ambulatory surgical care with an added focus on optimizing patient post-operative recovery and outcomes,” said Dr. James J. Yue, founder of NEASC and internationally known spinal surgeon. “We look forward to collaborating with local hospitals and university medical and allied health schools to enhance ambulatory surgical education and create jobs.”

“We look forward to partnering with North East Alliance Surgery Center, which will provide our patients with high-quality, cost-effective care,” said Richard Guerriere, M.D., chief medical officer of ProHealth Physicians, one of the state’s leading medical groups offering primary and walk-in care in Hamden and the Greater New Haven communities. “This partnership will further increase our access to clinical best practices and data, which will drive value for patients, health plans and employers.”

NEASC complements Optum’s development of a statewide ambulatory care network, and ProHealth Physicians anchors Optum’s evolving ambulatory care network with its primary and specialty care providers, and ancillary services such as laboratory and imaging services.

“We look forward to partnering with the physicians at North East Alliance Surgery Center and expanding the physician partnership, which will enhance our ability to provide specialized, high-value surgical services, such as total joint replacement, in a low-cost, easy-access setting for patients in Hamden and surrounding areas,” said Gina Mondo, SCA vice president of operations.



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The Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) has partnered with NEASC and the Town of Hamden to expand its business and workforce. The quantity and quality of the employment opportunities will serve the entire community, in addition to increasing the retail and service sectors of the area.

“The North East Alliance Surgery Center will create quality jobs, improve the tax base and most importantly provide quality health care to residents in Hamden and its surrounding towns,” said Dale Kroop, director of Economic Development and Neighborhood Revitalization for the Town of Hamden. “Health care is the fastest-growing part of Hamden’s economy and is projected to grow by another 20 percent in terms of job creation by the year 2020.”

About ProHealth Physicians

Formed in 1997, ProHealth Physicians is an independent physician group with 85 practice locations throughout Connecticut. Caring for more than ten percent of Connecticut’s population, ProHealth empowers physicians and advanced clinicians to better serve patients through improved care processes and patient outcomes. For more information about ProHealth, visit www.prohealthmd.com.

About Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC

Surgical Care Affiliates, LLC (SCA), a leader in the outpatient surgery industry, strategically partners with health plans, medical groups and health systems across the country to develop and optimize surgical facilities. SCA operates more than 200 surgical facilities, including ambulatory surgery centers and surgical hospitals, in partnership with approximately 3,000 physicians. For more information about SCA, visit www.scasurgery.com.

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