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## UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

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## Uintah Basin Healthcare Welcomes Two Full-Time Orthopedic Surgeons

**August 3, 2015:** Uintah Basin Healthcare is happy to welcome two new full-time Orthopedic Surgeons, Mark Hansen, MD and Gordon Olsen, DO.

Dr. Mark Hansen has been a visiting physician at Uintah Basin Healthcare the last few months. "I decided to stay because I saw the need in the community and I had been warmly welcomed by both hospital/clinic staff and patients. I grew up in a small town and experienced first-hand the burden of traveling long distances for specialty care, so I understood the value of having orthopedic care readily available" said Dr. Hansen.

Dr. Hansen treats most conditions involving both upper and lower extremities. This includes trauma, arthritis, infections, sports injuries, and work injuries. He has developed an interest in shoulder surgery including fractures, joint replacement, and rotator cuff repair. He also has extensive experience treating shoulder, knee, ankle, wrist, and elbow conditions with arthroscopic techniques. His expertise also include orthopedic trauma including hip and knee fractures, complicated elbow, wrist, and ankle fractures.

Dr. Hansen is an Arizona native. Dr. Hansen's hobbies include cycling, tennis, outdoor activities, and reading. He is fluent in Spanish. Dr. Hansen and his wife share 8 children and 15 grandchildren.

Dr. Gordon Olsen has been practicing orthopedic surgery for over 15 years in his home town of Heber City and Evanston Wyoming. When asked why he chose to come to the Uintah Basin, he replied "I really prefer the small town feel where you know most of the people who take care of patients alongside you".

Dr. Olsen's specialties include sports medicine / arthroscopic surgery with a special interest in hip and knee replacement. He has done specific training in robotic joint replacement. Having practiced in rural hospitals before, he has experience in treating a wide variety of orthopedic injuries and conditions, arthritis, fractures, nerve and tendon problems.

Dr. Gordon Olsen is a Utah native. He has three children, Chelsea, Jessica and Levi. The family is rounded out with three fun loving grandkids. He enjoys spending time with the family, skiing and cycling. Dr. Olsen is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army serving tours in Iraq and Kosovo. His experience in Iraq treating many

complex fractures and injuries has been valuable in his practice. Dr. Olsen and his wife are looking forward to a new practice, making new friends and being part of the Uintah Basin Healthcare Staff.

“We are excited to continue to grow and serve the needs of our community. Having two orthopedic surgeons with such specialized skills and vast experience will eliminate many needs for patients who currently travel out of the area for specialized orthopedic care. Having two orthopedic surgeons will also provide 24/7 emergency coverage for orthopedic needs. We warmly welcome both physicians into our Uintah Basin Healthcare family” said Jim Marshall, President & CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare.

Both physicians are accepting new patients, and will see patients in Roosevelt and Vernal. Dr. Gordon Olsen will also see patients in Duchesne. To schedule an appointment, call Dr. Mark Hansen at (435)725-7460 or Dr. Gordon Olsen at (435)725-7480.

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