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## Joel Wells, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.O.S.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY, HIP SURGERY

It has been said that change is inevitable, and growth is optional. For Dr. Joel Wells, this has always proven to be true.

Upon completion of his undergraduate degree at Abilene Christian University, he found himself facing a difficult decision that would bring change: continue his education at Tulane, or accept a position with the New York Mets, where he had been drafted by the MLB. After sleeping on it, he made the game-time decision to go to medical school at Tulane. He was part of the first medical class after Hurricane Katrina. He felt a calling to be there and help rebuild, and that is exactly what he did. While there, aside from getting his medical degree, he volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and helped with local food drives. He even found time to coach the local middle school baseball team in between classes.

When his time in New Orleans was over, it was time for yet another change. He moved to Boston where he completed a residency at Harvard, followed by a specialized fellowship in hip preservation at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Now, after many years of running a busy practice, Dr. Wells has embarked upon another opportunity for growth by opening the Baylor Scott & White Hip Preservation Center in McKinney. He is looking forward to serving the new patients he will meet on his journey with Baylor Scott & White.

Yet the more things change, the more they stay the same. He still goes to sleep each night contemplating the patients he treated that day, and how he can better the care of the new patients he will meet next. He still deeply loves his family, his patients, and his Jeeps, and he has no plans to give up the occasional house call or the hand-written thank-you notes.

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## EDUCATION

Abilene Cooper High School, Valedictorian B.S., summa cum laude Abilene Christian University M.P.H. Tulane University School of Public Health M.D., Tulane University School of Medicine Internship, Brigham and Women's Hospital Residency, Harvard Combined Orthopedic Residency Program

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