

## FORT MYERS HEALTHCARE

# Specialized Orthopedics for the Most Precious Patients

**Pediatric Orthopedics of SW FL's newest team member, Jordan R. Vokes, M.D., is passionate about treating "the growing athlete."**

Orthopedics is a unique medical specialty because it centers largely around a patient's quality of life—how patients move and engage with the world in active, meaningful ways. This is most true when it comes to children, and why Jordan R. Vokes, M.D., found his calling in pediatric orthopedics.

"What drew me to pediatrics is that it's medicine in the purest form," Dr. Vokes says. "Pediatric patients are really motivated to get better. It's very rewarding to help them and their families through some of the most stressful times in their lives."

Originally from upstate New York, Dr. Vokes completed his residency at the University of Rochester and a fellowship at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. He was drawn to the surgical aspect of orthopedic care and the gratification of helping patients heal with his hands.

He joined Pediatric Orthopedics of SW FL in fall 2022, citing its renowned reputation as a full-service pediatric orthopedic group—everything from "spine to sports"—and the opportunity to work under practice patriarch and 30-year orthopedic veteran F. Brett Shannon, D.O. "To have Dr. Shannon as a mentor early in my career was an incredible opportunity," says Dr. Vokes. "Through his guidance, I look forward to continuing to build our sports medicine program and taking it to the next level."



Dr. Vokes performs a post-op examination. Inset: Dr. Vokes performs an arthroscopic procedure.

## Treating the Growing Athlete

Dr. Vokes' areas of interest run the gamut of sports medicine including problems of the hip, knee, ankle, shoulder, and elbow. He also treats patients with traumatic injuries, fractures, and lower extremity deformities.

When seeking orthopedic care for young patients, Dr. Vokes emphasizes the importance of choosing a pediatric specialist—someone who understands the significance of growing, developing bodies. "These are patients living in dynamic environments, figuring out their roles

at school and on sports teams," he says. "It's not just about treating the pathology; it's about considering their whole development."

A lifelong athlete and sports fan, Dr. Vokes empathizes with the experiences of his young patients. "I understand their reluctance to rest and take time away from sports because that's a big part of their identity," he says. "An orthopedic injury affects physical and emotional well-being."

Dr. Vokes prioritizes minimally invasive techniques and evidence-based treatments that stand the test of time while also staying immersed in the field's emerging modalities through conferences, courses, and mentor relationships.

Young patients, even those in high school and college, are often treated in collaboration with their caregivers and families. It's important that patients and families understand the options and implications of various treatment avenues. Treatment plans at Pediatric Orthopedics of SWFL are discussed and agreed upon by all involved: the physician, the patient, and the parents.

"There's no such thing as a small surgery," Dr. Vokes reminds. "It's always about making the most informed decision for each specific patient."

Pediatric Orthopedics is fortunate to have five surgeons: F. Brett Shannon, Kristin M. Cola, D.O., Amy J. Harlow, M.D., Jordan R. Vokes, M.D., and Robert C. Palmer, M.D. All providers offer expert care in the following conditions: neuromuscular, hip, spine, clubfoot, hand, and sports medicine. In every aspect of pediatric orthopedic surgery, expert care can be found right here at home.



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