

Midwest Family & Sports Medicine Center

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Naperville, Ill. -- Anthony Leazzo, D.O. of Midwest Family & Sports Medicine Center, Giridhar Burra, M.D. and Todd Irwin, M.D. of Hinsdale Orthopaedic Associates, together with AthletiCo have agreed to serve as team physicians for the Mission Hockey Organization beginning January 1, 2009. As team physicians Drs. Leazzo, Burra, and Irwin will guarantee Mission Hockey players same day or next day appointments for any and all illnesses or injuries. Drs. Burra and Irwin are board certified orthopedic surgeons and Dr. Leazzo is a board certified family practitioner board eligible in sport medicine.

According to Dr. Leazzo, "Offering these elite athletes a total sports medicine solution allows them to get in and to be seen by a doctor when they might otherwise not. When a team of physicians and physical therapists work together it provides a better environment for the athlete; it's safer and a quicker recovery from injury."

As these physicians and clinicians develop relationships with the athletes and coaches they plan to focus some of their effort on sports conditioning: speed training, proper nutrition and hydration – aspects of health that all aid in reducing injury and decreasing recovery time.

The physicians offer direct billing of all insurance plans and same day or next day appointments for both injuries and illnesses allowing for continuity of care. Drs. Burra and Irwin's Hinsdale Orthopaedic Associates office is located at 2940 Rollingridge Rd. in Naperville, and Dr. Leazzo's practice, Midwest Family & Sports Medicine Center, also at 2940 Rollingridge Rd. in Naperville.

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About Giridhar Burra, M.D.

Dr. Burra is board certified, fellowship trained orthopedic surgeon and board certified on arthroscopic surgery and sports medicine. He specializes in complex injuries of the shoulder, elbow and the knee joint and routinely treats all sports related injuries. Dr. Burra completed a fellowship in sports medicine under Dr. James R. Andrews. While in private practice, he was involved with the Chicago White Sox, the Joliet Jack Hammers and numerous high school and college athletes. Dr. Burra is on staff at Edward Hospital, Good Samaritan Hospital, Salt Creek Surgery Center and Silver Cross Hospital. He is a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American Orthopedic Society of Sports Medicine and the Arthroscopy Association of North America.

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About Todd Irwin, M.D.

Dr. Irwin is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in all aspects of foot and ankle surgery. He completed a foot and ankle fellowship at the OrthoCarolina Foot and Ankle Institute in Charlotte, N.C. where he gained expertise in forefoot and hindfoot complex reconstruction, sports-related foot and ankle disorders including novel arthroscopic techniques and trauma. Dr. Irwin treated several college and professional athletes under the tutelage of Dr. Bob Anderson, team doctor of the Carolina Panthers and foot and ankle consultant for several NFL teams. He is a candidate member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons and the American Orthopedic Foot and Ankle Society.

About Anthony Leazzo, D.O

Dr. Anthony Leazzo is a board certified family practitioner, board eligible in sports medicine. Dr. Leazzo completed his residency at Genesis Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. He gained experience while servicing in the United States Navy stationed with a United States Marine Corp infantry battalion and later completed a fellowship in sports medicine under Dr. Gerald Piesko who has treated athletes at all levels of play from amateur to professional in all sports, but most notably hockey. During his fellowship Dr. Leazzo treated athletes of all levels and was team physician for the Flint Generals UHL Hockey club. In private practice Dr. Leazzo has provided medical care of all types to numerous high school and college athletes and serves as team physician at these levels as well.

About AthletiCo

AthletiCo is a Chicago-based provider of orthopedic rehabilitation in an office setting. Utilizing the skills of physical, occupational, and massage therapists, as well as athletic trainers and certified strength and conditioning specialists, AthletiCo promotes the prevention, care, and rehabilitation of orthopedic, sports, work, and occupational injuries. AthletiCo has advanced its services to include massage, fitness, and performance enhancement. Visit <http://www.athletico.com>, e-mail info@athletic.com or call 630.575.6200 for further information about AthletiCo.

About Chicago Mission Hockey

The Chicago Mission is dedicated to helping AAA level hockey players realize their athletic dreams. They do so by offering the most comprehensive developmental program in Illinois with the best coaching on the ice, the right facilities for off-ice training, and proven academic and career guidance. The Chicago Mission coaching and management team aims to give players the best AAA hockey experience in the state of Illinois. "Only by consistently being the best, can we make sure our players can be at theirs." For more information about Chicago Mission Hockey, please contact Andrea Hahn at (630) 204-2804 or via e-mail at danandandreaahn@aol.com. Visit Chicago Mission Hockey online at <http://www.chicagomission.com>.