

Hanger's Institute for Clinical Research & Education Announces Advisory Board, Research Partners and Industry Collaborators

AUSTIN, Texas – Oct. 25, 2021 – Hanger, Inc. today announced an external advisory board, along with academic and industry partners who will join the [Hanger Institute for Clinical Research & Education](#) (Hanger Institute) in its efforts to advance the clinical practice of orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) and improve patient outcomes.

The Hanger Institute launched in March 2021 to explore, expand and facilitate opportunities that help advance leading-edge research, evidence-based care and quality education in O&P. To provide guidance around this mission, the Hanger Institute formed an external Advisory Board composed of highly respected, experienced members of the healthcare community:

- Biykem Bozkurt, MD, PhD
Director of Winters Center for Heart Failure Research; Associate Director of Cardiovascular Research Institute at Baylor College of Medicine
- Judith M. Burnfield, PhD, PT
Director of the Institute for Rehabilitation Science and Engineering, Director of the Movement and Neurosciences Center and the Clifton Chair in Physical Therapy and Movement Sciences at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospitals
- Catrine Tudor-Locke, PhD, FACSM, FNAK
Professor and Dean of the College of Health and Human Services at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Douglas Smith, MD
Professor Emeritus, Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Washington; Professor, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine

The Hanger Institute is also partnering with academic and institutional research organizations, along with industry collaborators, including:

Academic and Institutional Research Partners

- Center for Adaptive Systems of Brain-Body Interactions at *George Mason University*
- Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at *Northwestern University*
- Department of Physical Therapy at *Virginia Commonwealth University*
- Department of Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Science at *The University of Iowa*
- OrthoCarolina Research Institute
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation-Physical Therapy Program at *The University of Colorado*
- The Rehabilitation Neuroscience Lab at *The University of Missouri*
- Walker Department of Mechanical Engineering at *The University of Texas at Austin*

Industry Collaborators

- Infinite Biomedical Technologies, *Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.*
- Össur, *Reykjavík, Iceland*

- Ottobock, *Duderstadt, Germany*
- Parker Hannifin, *Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.*
- Point Designs, *Lafayette, Colorado, U.S.*
- WillowWood, *Mount Sterling, Ohio, U.S.*
- Zimmer Biomet, *Warsaw, Indiana, U.S.*

“By establishing these strategic partnerships, we’re poised to drive scientific advancements and leading-edge research in the orthotics and prosthetics field,” said James Campbell, PhD, Hanger’s Chief Clinical Officer. “With collaboration, research and education at the center of the Institute, we look forward to building on our strong foundation to continue enhancing patient outcomes and care.”

In addition to its external partners, more than 50 professionals within Hanger support the Institute’s mission, from associates who comprise its core faculty, to clinicians and other employee affiliates who are active participants in the Institute’s national education efforts and clinical affairs initiatives.

To learn more about the Hanger Institute, the latest research and educational opportunities, and to see a full list of affiliates, associates, collaborators and partners, visit <https://hangerclinic.com/for-professionals/hanger-institute/who-we-are/>.

About Hanger, Inc. – Headquartered in Austin, Texas, Hanger, Inc. (NYSE: HNGR) provides comprehensive, outcomes-based orthotic and prosthetic (O&P) services through its Patient Care segment, with approximately 800 Hanger Clinic locations nationwide. Through its Products & Services segment, Hanger distributes branded and private label O&P devices, products and components, and provides rehabilitative solutions. Recognized by *Forbes* as one of America’s Best Employers for 2021, and rooted in 160 years of clinical excellence and innovation, Hanger is a purpose-driven company with a vision to lead the O&P markets by providing superior patient care, outcomes, services and value, aimed at empowering human potential. For more information on Hanger, visit <https://news.hanger.com>.

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