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Sports Medicine Specialists Join USF’s New Center

By PAUL COTELA Correspondent

The University of South Florida’s sports medicine program, a national model for athlete care and rehabilitation according to USF Health, has bolstered its status with the addition of two widely respected orthopedic surgeons.

Dr. David Leffers, an associate professor of orthopedics, and Dr. Charles Nosfinger, an assistant professor of orthopedics, joined the new USF Sports Medicine and Athletic-Related Trauma Institute earlier this month.

The two doctors are on board to help strengthen the care offered to athletes with sports-related injuries or illnesses and will work with athletic trainers to ensure the overall health of USF’s athletes and teams.

Located on campus at 13001 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., the sports medicine center opened Aug. 1 and recently received a $5 million boost in grant funding from the Florida Legislature this year to raise the standard of care for athletes.

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Nosing, his wife, Yoon, and two sons, Brock, 6, and Dean, 4, moved to New Tampa in July, when he joined USF.

He said he left Tulane because he wanted to get out of trauma treatment, what he was doing for victims of Hurricane Katrina, and get back into sports medicine.

“The opportunities are great at USF and Tampa is a beautiful city and so nice compared to where I was,” he said.

Nosing, 43, plans to initiate more research in the biomechanics of joints, especially the elbow and bring a sports-related safety program to area high schools.

Leffers and Nosing treat all types of orthopedic sports injuries, including injuries to the shoulder, elbow, knee, ankle and foot. They join the USF surgery team that includes Dr. Ed Haman, an assistant professor of orthopedics; Dr. Robert Bedrosian, Dr. Heidi Stephens and orthopedic surgeon Larry Lernak, acting director of the sports medicine institute.

USF Health also has a full physical therapy center as part of its School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences, where the doctors
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- New comprehensive patient care center on Bruce B. Downs, with UCH

- New offices on Fletcher
New chair Robert Pedowitz, MD, PhD

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The University of South Florida's College of Medicine has scored a hit but it has been lacking for years: an orthopedic surgeon capable of helping the college achieve its aspirations for national stature.

Until now, USF has been probably the only medical school in the country without an orthopedic department and one of the few without an orthopedic residency training program, says Steve Klaske, vice president for health sciences and dean of the medical school at USF.

Orthopedists have been missing at USF since 1990, when the orthopedics faculty - a group of nine practicing surgeons based at Tampa General Hospital - resigned en masse rather than meet the college's demands for greater accountability in training surgical residents.

To restore orthopedics, the medical school has taken a significant departure from the past and contracted with hospitals other than Tampa General, its primary teaching hospital. Orthopedics will be the only USF program that will be based at the hospital.

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