



Shoulder surgeon Mark Price, MD, PhD, examines a patient.

Shoulder surgeon takes program to next level

FOR COMPLEX SHOULDER PROBLEMS, patients want an orthopedic surgeon who brings a depth of knowledge in science as well as clinical care—one like Mark Price, MD, PhD.

Dr. Price joined UMass Memorial Medical Center in September 2009 following an orthopedics sports medicine fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he also completed his residency in orthopedic surgery. In addition to an MD from Harvard Medical School, he earned a PhD in medical physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in biomedical imaging research at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

“The UMass Memorial Musculoskeletal Center of Excellence offers me a fantastic opportunity to do good work around great people,” said Price, who is also assistant professor of orthopedics & physical rehabilitation at UMass Medical School. “Together, we are

advancing to the forefront of treatment for shoulder and sports injuries.”

Perhaps surprisingly, Price entered medical school wanting to be a cardiac surgeon. “But when I took an orthopedics elective I was blown away by how patients went from being wheelchair-bound to walking 18 holes of golf,” he recalled. “It was awe inspiring how patients got their quality of life back and were so appreciative. I fell in love with the specialty.”

His commitment translates into well-honed surgical expertise. “While there was a well-established shoulder program before I arrived, I am taking on some next-level procedures,” he explained. “These include advanced techniques to stabilize shoulders that continue to pop out after multiple arthroscopic procedures, as well as procedures to resolve massive rotator cuff tears not helped by arthroscopic surgery. I am also performing newer surgical techniques for dealing with severe shoulder arthritis with rotator cuff tears.”

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