

## MCMC NOMINEE: DR. JEFFERY HOPKINS

### STORY ILLUSTRATION:

Dr. Hopkins has been the only plastic, oral/maxillary & hand surgeon since I have known him in 2006.

Despite the increased amount of patient volume, Dr. Hopkins maintain a sense of calmness when he receives the overwhelming number of consults. Dr. Hopkins accepts and treats all patients, regardless of their financial status. He has taken cases that other surgeons have refused from other facilities. Some of Dr. Hopkins patients are quite challenging to care for, resistant to changes and may be abusive to staff; however, these patients will provide him with the upmost respect. He has the patience of the Sainthood and manner of serenity lagoon. Patients seek Dr. Hopkins and have travel from other parts of the United States to have the opportunity for him to treat their chronic painful condition. These patients have given up hope from previous surgeons/providers due to unsuccessful outcomes.

Dr. Hopkins is a very effective Team Leader. He collaborates and work with every level of health care to ensure that patients and staffs need are met.

Dr. Hopkins gives 100% of his time and talent into any case he receives. He treats non-funded and funded patients the same. He will find and use the latest technology, tools and techniques to skillfully fix the problem the patients are faced with.

Now there are times when he uses old remedy, such as leaches, which has shown to be effective but scares some of the staff to death. He does not take short cuts and will follow through with the patients until they are safe to be discharged from his standpoint.

Dr. Hopkins spends countless hours at the hospital to ensure the patients are cared for. He rarely takes time off and is present from the crack of dawn, sometimes to the next crack of dawn. He has resilience. I am amazed that Dr. Hopkins skin still looks very nice and tight, even though he lacks so much sleep. It must be the plastic surgeon blood in him.

### WHAT MAKES DR. HOPKINS AN OUTSTANDING OR PHYSICIAN?

Dr. Hopkins is the prime example of the what the mission, vision and value of Methodist Health System stands for:

“To improve and save lives through compassionate quality health care.”

“To be the trusted choice for health and wellness.”

Servant Heart, Hospitality, Innovation, Noble, Enthusiasm, and Skillful.

