

# It Won't Be a Pain for Orthopedic Center

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Moving offices might be a pain for some folks, but the crew at Highland Center for Orthopedics is ready for the challenge.

By June, Dr. Brian Jurbala's staff and patients will have a new, 10,000-square-foot home, located at 3317 U.S. 98 S. in Lakeland, just north of the Polk Parkway.

His clinic specializes in sports injuries of the knee and shoulder; joint replacements of the hip, knee and shoulder; and hand and upper extremity surgery.

"The need for orthopedics in Florida is growing so fast right now," he said.

That is hindsight talking.

When Jurbala first opened his practice more than three years ago, in a small office at the corner of C.R. 540A and Carter Road, he never expected it to grow so quickly.

About nine months later, he moved to his current office, located at 3009 C.R. 540A E.

"We knew within a month of when we moved in here that it was too small," he said. "Our office's waiting room is pretty much standing room only. Hopefully, this will be a solution for them."

Jurbala began looking for available space in South Lakeland with easy access to the Polk Parkway. He soon came to find out there wasn't any. At least, none that met his specifications.

So he decided to build his own facility.



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Brian Jurbala is opening a new orthopedic and physical therapy clinic on U.S. 98 S. in Lakeland.

The building will be loaded with state-of-the-art medical equipment to for sports medicine and feature a rehabilitation and wellness facility.

Once complete, the office will staff about 20 employees, up from its current 11.