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The University of Louisville School of Medicine and the Jewish Hospital Health Network form a partnership of health care excellence in research, education and patient care. Together, we have pioneered medical firsts in orthopaedics that have made a difference to the people of this region and beyond.

**2003**

World's first two-level percutaneous transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion

**2003**

One of the world's first wrist transplants

**2003**

Region's first minimally invasive one level spinal fusion

**2003**

Kentucky's first Stryker Howmedica Osteonics Trident® ceramic-on-ceramic total hip replacement

**2002**

Region's first Stryker Navigation System used in knee surgery

**2002**

Region's first UniSpacer knee surgery

**2001**

United States' first 24-hour, seven days a week hand care emergency room and overnight recovery center

**2000**

Kentucky's first artificial spinal disc

**1999**

World's first successful hand transplant

**1999**

Kentucky's first vertebroplasty