“One of the most rewarding parts of my work is helping patients regain the ability to do the things they love, whether that means walking without pain, traveling, playing with grandchildren, or attending a concert that arthritis once made impossible. Equally important is supporting patients through more challenging moments, when success may be defined not by a single outcome, but by progress, resilience, and hope. Working alongside a talented team of colleagues who share a commitment to excellence and compassionate care makes this work even more meaningful.”

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