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Outpatient Surgery
Lander Wyoming

Biography: Dr. Ben Francisco was born and raised in Cedar City, Utah. While in high school he became a ceramic artist and ultimately paid for his undergraduate studies with an art scholarship from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. He took a two-year hiatus from university studies to do church mission work in Russia. While there he decided to make a career change from art to medicine when he returned to the United States.

Shortly after resuming his studies at Utah State University, he met and married the love his life and his better half, Jan. Dr. Francisco, Jan, and their first son left beautiful Logan, Utah to attend medical school in San Antonio, Texas. During the ten years they were in in San Antonio, they added four beautiful girls to the family while Dr. Francisco completed medical school, an orthopaedic surgery residency, and then a fellowship in hand surgery. They moved to Lander, Wyoming to start orthopaedic surgery practice in 2017 at Fremont Orthopaedics, PC, and their sixth and final child, a son has now joined the family. Dr. Francisco and his orthopaedic surgery practice partner have recently opened the first and only outpatient surgery center in Fremont County, Western Wyoming Outpatient Surgery. In addition to watching their six children become outstanding adults, Dr. Francisco and Jan own and operate a small farm (very small) and a dairy herd of Jersey milk cows. Dr. Francisco is also developing a horse breeding program for fast-walking half-draft horses. He enjoys hunting, riding his horses where the elk and grizzly bears roam, time with his family, and making the world a better place.

Workshop: *A Day in the Life of an Orthopaedic Surgeon* - Students will be exposed to what being an orthopaedic surgeon is like on a day-to-day basis. At the end of the workshop, they will have a firm grasp on the conditions and problems that orthopaedic surgeons handle and how they can improve a person's quality of life by decreasing pain and increasing a person's day to day function through surgery and other methods. They will gain hands-on experience with various skills that an orthopaedic surgeon uses daily.

