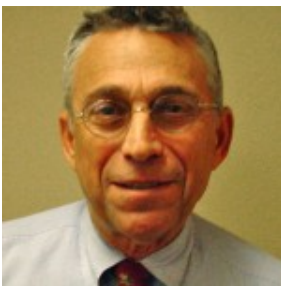


Barton orthopedic center names director

Michael Lewis has been hired by Barton Health to be the director of its Tahoe Center for Orthopedics.

Lewis has been the senior vice president and chief medical officer of Priority Healthcare, and most recently was the medical director of Active Implants Corporation in Southern California.



Michael Lewis

Barton is working with Accelero Health Partners, a consulting firm specializing in the development of orthopedic centers, to finalize the local center.

Working with the local orthopedic surgeons, several who have worked with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard teams, the center will incorporate surgery, medical imaging and rehabilitation teams. The multi-faceted team plans to introduce a leading-edge approach to the prevention, assessment, treatment and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries.

The center will also be home to the Lake Tahoe Orthopedic Sports Medicine Fellowship -- an intensive training program for orthopedic surgeons from around the world that has been in existence for more than 20 years.