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*Monty Merrill (pictured here with his wife, Laurie) purchased Lodi Physical Therapy in 1992 in Lodi, California. He partnered with Golden Bear to secure a transition strategy that ensured a flexible timeline and quality care for his patients and teams.*

Lauri and I have been very happy with our acquisition by Golden Bear Partners. We have known Bobby Ismail and Brandon Nan since they were outstanding physical therapy students at the University of the Pacific.

We have enjoyed a great relationship over the years, building community-based physical therapy clinics that provide more than just a health care service. Our mutual goals of community service, being involved in physical therapy education and growing a respected, talented group of well-compensated physical therapists are even stronger with our merger.

Relinquishing control of our life's work is difficult. Our negotiations with Bobby and Brandon were respectful, compassionate, and fair. **We feel respected and valued and can continue to practice, teach and contribute to building a larger, more sustainable entity.**

James Chard founded Lodi Physical Therapy in 1963. We purchased the practice in 1992 with the promise of nurturing and building the community resource that Jim started. **With our acquisition by Golden Bear Partners, we have the resources to surpass our modest intentions and build physical therapy on the west coast.**

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