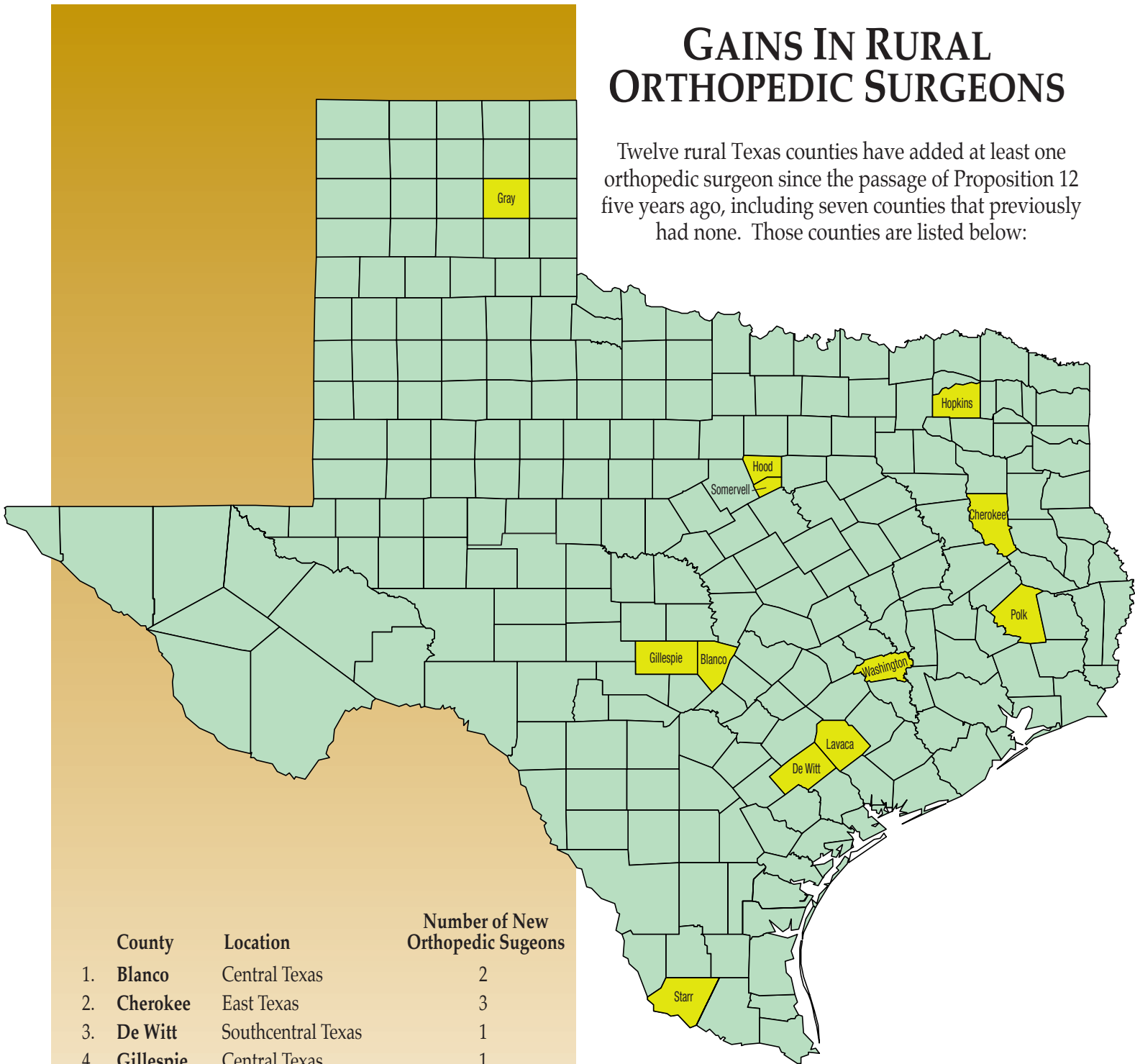


GAINS IN RURAL ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS

Twelve rural Texas counties have added at least one orthopedic surgeon since the passage of Proposition 12 five years ago, including seven counties that previously had none. Those counties are listed below:



County	Location	Number of New Orthopedic Surgeons
1. Blanco	Central Texas	2
2. Cherokee	East Texas	3
3. De Witt	Southcentral Texas	1
4. Gillespie	Central Texas	1
5. Gray	Northeast Panhandle	1
6. Hood	Northeast Texas	2
7. Hopkins	East Texas	1
8. Lavaca	Southcentral Texas	1
9. Polk	East Texas	1
10. Somervell	North Texas	1
11. Starr	South Texas (along Mexico border)	1
12. Washington	Southeast Texas	2

In all, 46 Texas counties have seen a net gain in orthopedists, including 11 medically underserved counties and 26 counties designated partially medically underserved. Seven counties—Blanco, Cherokee, DeWitt, Hopkins, Lavaca, Somervell and Starr—did not have an orthopedic surgeon at the passage of Proposition 12 but now do.

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