

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MINIMALLY INVASIVE OUTPATIENT JOINT REPLACEMENT SURGERY

✓ **Do patients really leave the same day?**

Yes! All of Dr. Berger's patients are full weight bearing the same day of surgery so the majority of patients are able to walk out of the hospital the same day.

✓ **Am I eligible for Dr. Berger's Surgery?**

There are no restrictions - everyone is a candidate for Minimally Invasive surgery. Dr. Berger can perform surgery on any one who has been told they need their joint replaced. Weight, health conditions or previous surgery do not preclude you from having Minimally Invasive surgery with Dr. Berger.

✓ **What type of prosthetic is used in Minimally Invasive Surgery?**

Dr. Berger uses the same type prosthetic which is used in standard total joint replacements; these include high flex and gender specific knee prosthetics.

✓ **Can I Mail x-rays and other medical information for the doctor to review?**

Unfortunately no, Dr. Berger needs to see and examine you prior to scheduling surgery.

✓ **What is the sequence of events after I decide to schedule an appointment?**

A total of two to six visits may be required to have the surgery performed by Dr. Berger; **some of these visits can be combined for our patients who live outside the Midwest.**

These visits may include:

1. An initial consultation
2. A pre operative testing and education day
3. The actual surgery, (if you are from outside the Chicagoland area you will be required to stay locally in a hotel for two to three days following surgery).
4. 3 – 4 weeks post op
5. 3 months post op
6. An annual visit which would need to be repeated every year for the rest of your life

✓ **Is there a local hotel where I can stay**

Rush University Medical Center provides a concierge service for our out of town patients, their number is 312-942-5050, our office can also assist you with hotel recommendations.

✓ **How can I get more information and/or schedule an appointment?**

For an appointment with Dr. Richard Berger please call Megan at (312) 432-2557, or Andrea at (312) 432-2343.