

## **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.

✓ **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. An annual visit

✓ **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 Rachel at (312) 432-2557, or Liz at (312) 432-2442.