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Planning Her Future, Pain Free

Mako® Makes the Difference

Long before her appointment, Judy had heard about Mako® and was introduced to this robotic-arm assisted procedure but didn’t believe it would be covered by her insurance. When she met with Dr. Schwartz she learned that she was a candidate for the procedure and her insurance covered the procedure.

“Now, not one but two Mako® hip replacements later, I feel like I am walking in a miracle,” reflects Judy who lives in Haverhill, MA and returned to have her other hip replaced as soon as she was released from therapy for the first replacement.

At Anna Jaques, Judy was assigned one nurse from pre-surgery through surgery. “This really made a difference,” commented Judy. “Being able to build rapport with someone really eased my nerves.”

“I was up and walking the same day as surgery. Four days after surgery, when the physical therapist came to my house, my mobility and flexibility were typical of recovery three weeks following surgery. That’s not me, that’s the care” shared Judy. “It was consistent, compassionate and over-the-top exceptional. Everyone was phenomenal.”

“I feel like the things that give me life are all within reach again thanks to Dr. Schwartz and the entire team at Anna Jaques,” said Judy. “It was a big decision to have the procedure yet I am absolutely confident it was the right step.”

This spring will be different than last for Judy. “I am so excited that I will be able to go walking in the parks with my husband again. Spring is by far my favorite season!”

Mako® Partial Knee Resurfacing

People with early-to-mid-stage osteoarthritis often wait to treat their knee because they don’t want or need a total knee replacement,” said Dr. Wack. “Now, that doesn’t have to be the case.”

The Mako® Partial Knee Resurfacing procedure allows surgeons to resurface the damaged areas of the joint using the special robotic arm. This spares healthy bone and tissue. Benefits can include a more natural knee motion; smaller incisions, less scarring and less pain; a shorter hospital stay; and faster recovery.

Dr. Michael Wack uses a Mako Partial Knee Replacement model to explain the procedure to a patient.

Mako® Total Hip Replacement

Using the Mako® Robotic Arm System during a total hip replacement enhances an orthopedic surgeons’ ability to accurately place and align a hip implant. “This is significant because it can reduce the likelihood of hip dislocation and provide a more consistent leg length,” explained Dr. Wack. “The procedure can also decrease the risk of the implant and bone rubbing together, ultimately increasing the lifetime of the implant.”

Innovative Mako® Procedure Brings Relief to Patients Suffering from Knee or Hip Pain

An estimated 27 million Americans age 25 and older have osteoarthritis (OA), commonly known as “wear and tear” arthritis. It is by far the most common type of arthritis and the percentage of people who have it increases with age.

“This is the most chronic condition affecting the joints, especially knees and hips,” said Michael Wack, MD, Orthopedic Surgeon at Seacoast Orthopedics. “As cartilage between the joints breaks down, pain, stiffness and swelling set in. Over time, people lose their ability to participate in many of their favorite activities and are forced to sit on the sideline of life.”

Anna Jaques orthopedic surgeons are now offering Mako® Robotic Arm Assisted Surgery to give patients another option in their fight against this disease.

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Mako® is right for you!

The following orthopedic surgeons at Anna Jaques Hospital are specially trained and certified in Mako® Robotic Arm Technology. To schedule a consultation, contact their practice or visit www.ajh.org/orthopedics.

Find Out if Mako® is Right for You!

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