

Soundbite script – Get a leg up on orthopedic surgery

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“A typical patient has pain in their knee or hip every single day. The pain interferes with their activities of daily living. They can't perform activities without the pain and it's debilitating enough that they look for surgical intervention to help them out.” (:19)

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“It is mostly older people that we see, however, we can see arthritis in younger patients if they have prior injuries that have caused any type of post traumatic arthritis. But it's mostly older people with wear and tear arthritis that has occurred throughout the years.” (:19)

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“I saw the original evolution of total knees and total hips when it was done the old traditional method and I call that like old school carpentry where we use cutting blocks and cutting jigs and we're doing all our measurements by eyeball. Now we've taken it a step further with computerization of total hips and total knees. Scientifically, we know how the implant should be positioned, and we've taken a lot of the (potential) human error out of putting the new implant in the human body.” (:32)

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“This Mako robotic assisted surgery allows us to use those 3D images and we can move implants around; we can position it better. Especially for total knees, we can move the knee virtually and see how well it's going to move before we make any bone cuts, or we implant it.” (:20)

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“There's less post operative pain, their recovery is faster, and their range of motion is improved. They get back to work at around six weeks, depending on the type of work they do. And then after about three months, they're feeling great and back doing their normal activities.” (:19)

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“Being an orthopedic surgeon, one of the things that gives me joy and satisfaction is seeing someone walk in, either without a cane or without a walker. The biggest thing is having them tell me that their pain is gone, that they can now walk pain free. They can do things they couldn't do before – the simple things in life, like going to the grocery store or going to church. Doing things in their house pain free.” (:27)