Major Relief through Minimally Invasive Procedures – Interview Transcripts

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"It's a field where it deals with almost every body system and you use the technology to solve problems that we couldn't solve before and provide treatment options that we couldn't before. Or you could use that technology to provide treatment options that are just safer or minimally invasive, ultimately leading to good patient outcomes and just more of a minimally invasive approach."

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"During the peak of the pandemic, you know, in order to keep everybody safe and to get certain measures in place, we were only performing very critical and urgent procedures – whether they were in the hospital or they were outpatient. And specific examples of those are, you know, patients that maybe had blood clots in their lungs. Patients who had blockages in their kidneys or their liver. Or patients that had to undergo dialysis. Those urgent procedures."

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"Now we've pretty much opened up to offering every other procedure that we have here, and we can do it in a very safe way. Those may include patients that have varicose veins, and they've been bothering them, you know, and they need to get those treated. Patients who have chronic back pain. Or if you're talking about patients that have uterine fibroids. Or patients who have cancer and they need a treatment for that."

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"You'll go ahead and get registered. They'll make sure that they test you as you're coming in. We're doing temperature checks on all of our patients. We'll make sure we keep you in a nice, isolated area. Then you'll come over to our clinic and get your evaluation and then if you are a candidate for a certain type of treatment option, then we'd go ahead and get you scheduled."