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As a very active 70 year-old male, I delayed having hip surgery for over a year due to negative feedback from friends and family who had had the procedure done elsewhere over the years.

I was experiencing significant pain and finally agreed to schedule my surgery with Dr. Harry Schmaltz. I was reassured by Dr. Schmaltz and his staff that I needn't fear the surgery or recovery period. I was told that I would be happily surprised by the results when all was said and done.

Finally, surgery day had arrived and the end results were much better than both the doctor and I expected. I was out of bed and walking with a walker within 6 hours after surgery. The next morning I walked without a walker or cane and was well enough to be discharged at noon.

At home, I was able to easily get around both inside and outside without the aid of any devices such as canes or walkers.

I did not experience any significant pain during my recovery and within 16 days I was driving a school bus again full-time.

Physical therapists did visit me at home on several occasions during the first few weeks after surgery. Although I was not in need of using a walking device, the caring and patient therapy staff provided me with excellent tips and support about how to continue on my road to a successful recovery.

I strongly suggest that if you are in need of a hip replacement to not put it off. The sooner you have it done, the better you will feel. Scranton Orthopaedic Specialists and Dr. Schmaltz provided excellent orthopaedic services and I am totally pleased with the outcome and how much my quality of life has improved.