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First in Northern Colorado: Total Hip Arthroplasty Using Minimally Invasive Superior Approach and Smart Mechanical Navigation

Craig, Colorado - September 11, 2015 – The Memorial Hospital at Craig announced that on Wednesday orthopedic surgeon Kevin Borchard, MD performed a new type of total hip arthroplasty procedure for the first time in northern Colorado. The procedure involves both the use of the minimally invasive Superior Hip Approach combined with patient-specific smart mechanical navigation technology (The HipXpert System). This navigation system gives Dr. Borchard additional patient-specific socket-placement information to ensure accurate alignment for every patient. Socket misalignment is associated with the most common reasons for follow-up “revision” surgery. Combining smart navigation with the tissue-sparing superior approach allows for more accurate component placement while utilizing less-invasive incisions.

Both patients who underwent the Superior Hip Approach replacement surgery are reporting feeling excellent with minimal pain. Ray Parfrey, 59 of Craig, said that he is experiencing virtually no pain. Maria Keller, 68 also of Craig, said it was “worth the wait” to see Dr. Borchard. She said his advanced training in Boston at New England Baptist Hospital would make a difference in her outcomes. Like Parfrey, she has minimal pain and has been walking and using stairs.

Staff members at The Memorial Hospital are excited about and impressed with the expertise Dr. Borchard is bringing to the orthopaedics program at the hospital. Annette Saylor, surgical services director, said, “After 25 years in surgery, working primarily with an orthopaedic focus, Dr. Borchard’s new hip approach is one of the most exciting advancements I’ve seen.”

After completing his orthopedic residency, Dr. Borchard served in the Air Force including a tour at a forward medical station in Afghanistan before completing sub-specialty joint replacement training at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston. “Kevin has unique skills, combining his tremendous military experience with the art of reconstructive surgery. Surgeons with his skill and judgment are rare.” said Stephen B. Murphy, MD, one of his mentors at New England Baptist.

Dr. Borchard joined the Memorial Hospital at Craig in August. For more information, please visit <http://www.NWCOortho.com>, www.hipxpert.com and www.bostonhip.org

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