Orthopaedic Joint Surgery (Knee and Hip) Information

IS MINIMALLY INVASIVE HIP SURGERY NEW?
ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT DONE IT BEFORE.

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Recently, I have been bombarded by questions from patients regarding the "new minimally invasive" surgery. Patients have brought in articles from various newspapers and magazines regarding the new surgical procedure. The new surgical procedure is being hyped by some as a revolutionary procedure which provides the patient with minimal pain, a shorter hospitalization, and better outcomes. Others have been cautious to report that statistics have not been clear in establishing the relative advantages of minimally invasive surgery compared to standard surgical techniques and total hip arthroplasty.

Let's start with the facts. Twenty years ago, when I was a Fellow at the University of Southern California, I had as my professors, three then-famous,