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Up and walking just after innovative hip

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A HORSHAM man was in and out of hospital in 12 hours for 'pioneering' hip replacement surgery.

Peter Tyler had his right hip replaced on August 31 and was able to walk out of Goring Hall Hospital unaided just a few hours later.

The 65-year-old, of Ryecroft Drive, told the County Times: "It's certainly pioneering. We had the nursing staff in saying you're going to make medical history today."

Peter arrived at the hospital at 7.30am on the day of the operation, was back from theatre at 12.30pm and walked 50 metres with a surgeon at around 3.30pm.

"The second 50 metres I walked on my own which is absolutely amazing. I was in a lot of pain before."

He was then discharged at 7.30pm adding: "People are still using crutches two or three weeks after the operation and I walked to the car five or six hours after the operation to come home carrying the crutches."

The procedure was carried out by James Lewis, consultant orthopaedic surgeon, and Peter added: "I thought it was just too far-fetched. I thought it was a little bit of kidology on his behalf to calm me down."

But the surgery was 'ground-breaking' without question, he added.

Peter also had his left hip replaced in June this year at the hospital under the regular surgery and was in hospital for three days.

He told the paper he had suffered from a genetic problem combined with osteoarthritis and was in constant pain. "It was severe pain that restricted my lower limb movements dramatically."

The site manager for the QEII School in Hor-

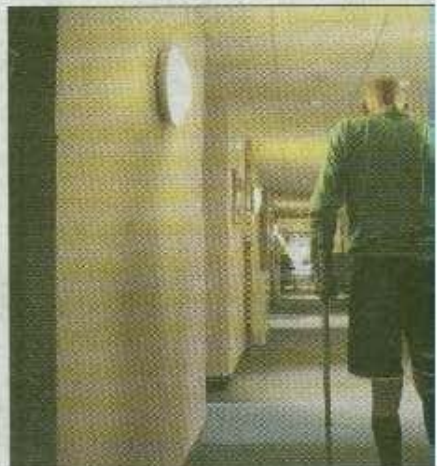
sham will return to work after Christmas when he is fully fit and he and his wife Kay thanked the team at the hospital.

Mr Lewis said it was 'truly exceptional' Peter was able to walk up and down the corridor without any frame or sticks a few hours after the surgery.

"I think that's probably a first in the UK," he added.

The minimally intrusive technique used meant they didn't have to cut into the leg muscles and also used a specific anaesthetic meaning there was no need for drips and pain pumps and the patient was more comfortable.

He believed the surgery would be offered more widely and there were savings to be made by the patient going home the same day adding: "I think it represents the future."



X-rays before and after the operation.



Peter Tyler pictured 30 minutes after the operation with James Lewis and (top) on his feet and walking five hours after going under the knife.

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