

Doctor does first total knee replacement at HMH

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State-of-the-art joint replacement is more accessible than ever thanks to improvements at Hardin Memorial Hospital in Kenton.

Dr. Steven Haman is extending the hours he is available to patients at the hospital because of the increase in demand for orthopedic services. He said the procedure for replacing joints has made advances in recent years.

"Patients used to be in the hospital for a week or more, but now they are out in three days," he said.

Hardin Memorial's updated equipment and remodeled operating room make it possible for the surgery to take place locally, said Haman.

But even with the less-invasive methods, said Haman, replacing a knee or a hip is usually the last of many options. Haman and his staff review other treatment methods before taking a step that will mean a three-month commitment from the patient.

"We go over all the other options first before surgery," he said. "There is a real time commitment here. This takes three months of your life."

But the time spent in recovery was worth the rewards, said Lora Ferrand.



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New knee

Dr. Steven Haman discusses the successful surgery of Lora Ferrand, who was the first patient to have a total knee replaced at Hardin Memorial Hospital.

Her knee replacement surgery was first done totally at Hardin Memorial, said Haman.

"I love my new knee," Ferrand said, "and I like my new doctor. I was very motivated and did my rehabilitation at home. I would recommend it to anyone who

needs it and I didn't have to worry about the drive (to a larger hospital). It was much more convenient to have it done here."

Haman is at the hospital every Monday from 8 to 11 a.m. and appointments may be made by calling 419-222-6622.