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Unity Surgical Center Performing Less Invasive Total Knee and Hip Joint Replacement

Lafayette, Indiana; April 7, 2008—Unity Surgical Center, an outpatient multi-specialty surgical center, is successfully performing new minimally invasive surgical techniques for total knee and hip joint replacement. Only performed nationally by a small group of accomplished orthopaedic surgeons, this technique is one of the most recent innovations for joint replacements.

Typical knee and hip replacement surgery requires six to twelve weeks for patients to fully recover from what has been, historically, a traumatic surgical procedure. Dr. Daniel Daluga, a board certified surgeon with Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic, is utilizing advanced implant technology and a technique developed by Wright Medical Group known as PATH. The PATH technique is designed to include a smaller incision and muscle sparing approach to knee and hip replacement surgery. When it comes to a successful recovery, what goes on underneath the incision is every bit as important as the size of the incision. Dr. Daluga's total knee and hip replacement patients at Unity Surgical Center are released less than 23 hours after surgery. Many of these patients are walking hours after surgery, some unassisted. As a result, the patients at Unity Surgical Center are able to shorten their recovery from months to a matter of days.

Dr. Daniel Daluga has performed minimally invasive surgery since 2004, and is committed to improving patient outcomes and enriching the entire joint replacement experience. For more information about Minimal Invasive Total Hip Arthroplasty call Lafayette Orthopaedic Clinic at 765-447-4165 or visit www.unityhc.com/loc.

About Unity Surgical Center

Unity Surgical Center is a joint venture with St. Elizabeth Regional Health and Unity Healthcare and has been open on the Unity Medical Campus since August 2001. Unity Surgical Center specializes in Cosmetic Surgery, Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Gastrointestinal, General Plastic Surgery, General Surgery, OB/GYN, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Orthopaedic Spinal Surgery, Otolaryngology, Pain Management, Pediatrics, Podiatry, Spine Surgery and Urology. Unity Surgical Center is located at 1411 South Creasy Lane, Suite 200, in Lafayette. To find out more information about the surgical center visit them at www.unityhc.com or call 446-5000.