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State-of-the-art technology

Robot now part of partial knee and full hip replacements at St. Anthony's

By Steve Raymond News Report Staff

Steve Lindley's bad hip was certainly affecting his quality of

He was in constant pain. At times, it would cause his right leg to give out and he would fall to the ground. It also affected his ability to work.

And worst of all, Steve didn't feel comfortable carrying his 5½-month-old grandson Alec and was unable to get down on the floor and play with him.

Finally, after struggling for nearly two years, Steve had

"I was tired of the pain," Steve admitted. "I couldn't do my job. I couldn't play with my grandson. I was walking with a cane. I had to get it taken care of.'

He first saw a specialist in Terre Haute, who gave Steve an injection that helped relieve the pain for about 10 days. When a second injection was offered, the 52-yearold West Union man declined.

"I said no. I needed to get my hip taken care of," Steve said. "When the specialist mentioned Bonutti Clinic in Effingham, I remembered that's where my mom went when she had her hip replaced. I knew that's where I wanted to go."

He made an appointment with It was determined that Steve did, in fact, need a hip replacement and surgery was scheduled for mid-May.

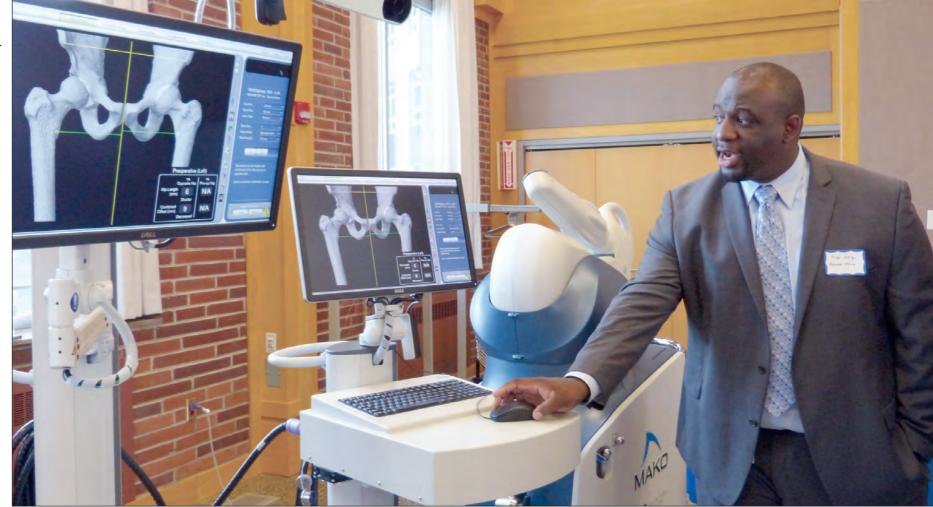
What Steve didn't know was that he would be the first hip replacement surgery at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital done with the

'I never thought about robots in a hospital," Steve recalled. "But Dr. Omiyi explained everything thoroughly. I said 'you're the doctor.' It was okay with me."

The MAKO robot – named Wallie by hospital employees – arrived at St. Anthony approximately eight weeks ago.

"But we've been working over a year to obtain this technology," said Dr. Peter Bonutti. "It was quite a process to bring this in.

"It had to be tested and validated, and the nurses and staff had to be trained," Dr. Bonutti added. "And you have to have qualified surgeons.



Dr. Didi Omiyi at Bonutti Clinic.

Dr. Didi Omiyi, from Bonutti Clinic, showed how the MAKO robot works at a recent Chamber After Hours event at HSHS St. Anthony's Memorial Hospital. Here, Dr. Omiyi explains the 3D imaging capabilities of the system. Submitted Photo

Dr. Omiyi was trained in New York and has extensive experience. He has helped drive this program."

Dr. Ômiyi, who joined Bonutti Clinic in October 2014, was trained on the MAKO robot during his fellowship in Adult Reconstruction at the Insall Scott Kelly Institute for Orthopaedics and Sports Medicine at Lennox Hill Hospital in New York.

The robot can assist with partial knee replacement and full hip replacement surgeries. But the entire process is surgeon-driven and sur-

Each eligible patient will first get a CT scan. That info is input into a

computer and then transferred to the robot. From there, a three-dimensional image will be created and a plan developed for the exact size and position of the implant, based on a patient's personal anatomy, Dr. Omiyi explained.

"The robot sets boundaries, based on the preoperative CT and the surgeon's determined plan," Dr. Bonutti added. "And once those boundaries have been set, the surgeon can't cut bone or tissues beyond those limits

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