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## KNEE REPLACEMENT USING THE VISIONAIRE SYSTEM

Dr. Hecht plans on inserting your Smith & Nephew knee replacement using a special technique call the Visionaire System.

With this system, Smith & Nephew will create a special template block that is custom-made for your body using a special MRI and x-ray.

The advances to this technique include:

- Less bleeding than conventional knee replacement techniques.
- More accurate component positioning.
- Less time needed to complete your surgery.

### **YOUR TWO (2) RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE SURGERY ARE THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) Call the hospital to schedule the special MRI. Central scheduling's phone number is: 219-836-4599. This MRI must be done at Munster Community Hospital or the Community Diagnostic Center (5363 Commerce Blvd., Crown Point, IN) ONLY. It **cannot** be done at the St. John Community Care Center or the Munster Diagnostic Center. **This test must be done at least five (5) weeks prior to surgery.** Remember to take the order with you when you go for the test. (This is **not** a normal MRI that can be done anywhere).
- 2) You also need to call our office (219-924-3300) to schedule a special x-ray of your entire leg. These x-rays are done on Tuesday afternoons ONLY, unless special arrangements are made with the x-ray technicians. Although this I not a doctor's appointment, you do need an "x-ray only" appointment! The x-ray technician already has your orders. **This test should also be completed at least five (5) weeks before surgery.**

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO ACQUIRE FILMS OR CD'S OF EITHER STUDY ONCE THE TEST IS COMPLETED.**

If you have any questions, call Janice, Dr. Hecht's nurse, at: 219-924-3300.