### HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY

# Hip Arthroscopy "Hip Scope"

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### Outline

- I. What is hip arthroscopy?
- II. What are the advantages of hip arthroscopy?
- II. Which hip conditions can be treated arthroscopically?
- **IV.** Overview of procedure
- V. Hip arthroscopy recovery



### I. What is hip arthroscopy?

- A.k.a. a "hip scope"
- A minimally invasive procedure in which an arthroscope, a flexible, fiberoptic tube with a small camera, is used to examine the inside of the hip joint
- Hip arthroscopy was refined in the late 1980s and early **1990s**





## I. What is hip arthroscopy?

- The procedure allows the surgeon to see full extent of injury and pain that imaging can't
- Some hip conditions can also be treated arthroscopically
- Three small incisions are made to create access points for arthroscopic needles, scalpels, etc.





## II. What are the advantages of hip arthroscopy?

- When compared to traditional open hip surgery, hip arthroscopy advantages are...
- Very little trauma to the joint, minimizing pain and scarring
- Done on an outpatient basis (patients) generally return home same day)
- Short recovery
- May postpone hip osteoarthritis progression
- Can delay need for hip replacement

## III. What hip conditions can be treated arthroscopically?

- Femoroacetabular **impingement (FAI)**
- Repair or trimming of a labral tear
- Removal of:
  - Loose fragments of cartilage inside joint
  - Diseased or inflamed joint lining
  - Painful bone spurs





### IV. Overview of procedure

- Surgeon will make 2 or 3 small, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch long incisions
- Condition of ligaments attaching the bones, the firm ring of cartilage surround the hip socket called the labrum, and the space within the joint will be examined





### IV. Overview of procedure

- Once explorations and any treatments are complete, incisions are closed with 2 to 3 non-dissolvable sutures
- You will be given a prescription for pain and recommended to use a continuous passive motion device (CPM) to promote range of motion & a cold unit (game ready) to help with inflammation and pain





### V. Hip arthroscopy recovery

- Symptoms often improve immediately following procedure, but recurrence of some pain can occur as joint heals
- Patients are instructed to use a brace and crutches for 2 weeks after surgery to avoid full weight bearing and complete at least 3-4 months of PT
- A return to normal varies based on activity levels





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