

Dr. Ira Kirschenbaum Takes the Superior Journey—Again



Dr. K on the day of surgery, recovering at a friend's home.

Dr. Ira Kirschenbaum is a surgeon, co-founder of SwiftPath and a patient having had two knee replacements using the SwiftPath Method. For the second time, Dr. K traveled across the country for his surgery.

Day 1: Arrived at ASC (ambulatory surgery center) in Kirkland Washington for surgery at 7am. Discharged at noon to recover at a friend's home using only a walker.

Day 5: Flew home to New York.

Day 7: Went out to dinner in New Jersey, about an hour from his home.

As patients become more educated, they are willing to travel for their healthcare. While not every patient needs to travel across the country for surgery, many are willing to travel for specific providers and programs. This is true for the SwiftPath Method for patients that qualify for outpatient surgery or shorter stays. The SwiftPath Method's minimally invasive techniques and rapid rehab help to make travel more possible after surgery.

SwiftPath has been receiving inquiry calls from all over the country. Zsuzsa Stanfield, SwiftPath team member reports that just this week she received an inquiry from Canada. This caller had been referred by a SwiftPath patient who had traveled from Canada for a hip replacement. "It was such a successful surgery that the caller wants to do the same."

[Click here for the SwiftPath Surgeon Locator map](#)

Keeping Narcotics Out of Our Childrens' Hands

One joint replacement surgeon reviewed his 371 joint replacement patient-reported statistics and learned that only 7% of his patients used any of the hydromorphone pills he prescribed— that means a potential 10,000 could be left in homes for possible diversion in the course of a year.

Data Changes Behavior. This SwiftPath surgeon now rarely prescribes hydro-morphone. For patients that really need it, he prescribes for shorter periods of time.

One of SwiftPath's core values is to help limit narcotic use and diversion. The SwiftPath method has been proven to reduce the need for narcotics. When minimally invasive surgical techniques and modern pain management are integrated into a powerful patient engagement platform, there is a marked decrease in pain and narcotic use.

Let's all work together to keep narcotics out of our childrens' hands.

[View video on reducing narcotics and diversion](#)



PATIENT QUOTE

"Knee number two went SO well, I could walk with just a cane at week two. Amazing. Thank you SwiftPath! I love your total dedication to your work."

- Kristi, SwiftPath patient

