



Helpful Hippie Newsletter

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My goal is always to be helpful and I hope to build a relationship with you around common interests outside of hip replacement.

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Hip Q&A

These are some real gems

Q: Sam asks *"I don't want to say the C-word (**Christmas**)... but my op is scheduled 4-5 weeks before the big day. My question....will I be up to entertaining? I live in a 3-story house which is difficult at the best of times but with the kitchen on a different floor to the rest, I'm thinking that I'll either be the hostess with the most-ess showing off her new hip or a hot, cranky mess who will be shoo-ing people out of the door at the earliest opportunity!"*

A: It is impossible to know in advance how you will be doing at that stage in your recovery and it's such an important holiday that there is a significant risk you will either push through and regret it or disappoint people who planned on attending your celebration. Let someone else host Christmas this year and maybe plan for an especially big celebration next year. Hope this helps. Merry Christmas!



My Latest Videos



What I'm Reading, Listening To, Watching, and Thinking About

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Make my Day

Comments like the following make my day and keep me motivated...



Susan Robertson

Because of your videos and this group, I was fully prepared for the surgery. That meant a lot to me, as I'm a planner, and I definitely needed help. In addition, I tend to maintain my health holistically, so getting into the medical system was totally out of my comfort zone, but knowing what to expect made a huge difference. With your kind advice, plus the great team I had for the procedure, it all went very well. Left hip replacement will be around February, and I'll be even more prepared for that one.

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Preparing for Butters

Our daughter and son-in-law are getting a Mastador puppy next weekend and they named him Butters after one of the characters on South Park. So my wife and I started re-reading our favorite dog training books. I remembered **Don't Shoot the Dog** and always told folks that the things we learned training our dog Maui helped prepare us to raise kids.

That was over 25 years ago and I had to laugh when I saw that the latest edition of the book included the following subtitle "**The Secrets to change behavior in Pets, Kids and Yourself.**" It's a very good read by behavioral scientist Karen Pryor. For background, we trained Maui, then she was certified as a therapy dog and finally she was certified to work in a large local hospital. I still remember visiting Ronald McDonald House and various retirement homes where my 3 year-old daughter, with her curly blond locks, was far more popular with the residents than our sweet therapy dog Maui, but who can blame them!



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Wishing you all the best in your hip journey,
Pete

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