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AUSTRALIAN ARTHROPLASTY SOCIETY (AAS)
STATEMENT ON SURGICAL APPROACHES TO THE HIP FOR HIP ARTHROPLASTY

A working group of the Australian Arthroplasty Society (AAS) has met to discuss the advantages of the different surgical approaches to total hip replacement surgery.

The working group was selected to represent a broad cross section of orthopaedic surgeons, familiar with and utilising the differing surgical approaches.

Technical, practical and patient outcome factors were discussed and supportive literature offered. The working group made the following conclusions:-

- 1) There are multiple ways to approach a hip joint: none are “new”**
- 2) Surgical approach has little influence on results**
- 3) There is no scientific evidence that endorses one surgical approach over the other**
- 4) Surgeons should tell patients which works best in their hands but should not claim an advantage over approaches used by other surgeons**

Mr Andrew Shimmin
Chairman
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Members of the working party were:-

Mr Andrew Schimmin (Chairman)	Mr Peter McCombe
Mr Warwick Bruce	Mr Graham Mercer
Mr Dermot Collopy	Mr Michael Solomon
Mr Richard DeSteiger	Mr Allen Turnbull
Mr Tony Dunin	
Mr Bruce Love	