

Operating By Remote Control

Keyhole surgery, pioneered by an Irish doctor, is changing the face of medicine

Anyone who has ever watched the dexterity and concentration of a child playing Nintendo will find aspects of the way Patrick Leahy works only too familiar.

Except that Mr. Leahy is no computer games addict out to beat Bowser, but a pioneering Irish surgeon performing a radically new and potentially dangerous operation on a patient by remote control.

This is keyhole or endoscopic surgery, a revolutionary micro technique invented by the Galway born surgeon and others six years ago. Now being widely practiced worldwide, the technique has been performed on hundreds of Irish patients in the last

