



# Return to Activity After Total Joints

---

**Jon Edgington, MD**

Medical Director of Total Joint Replacements

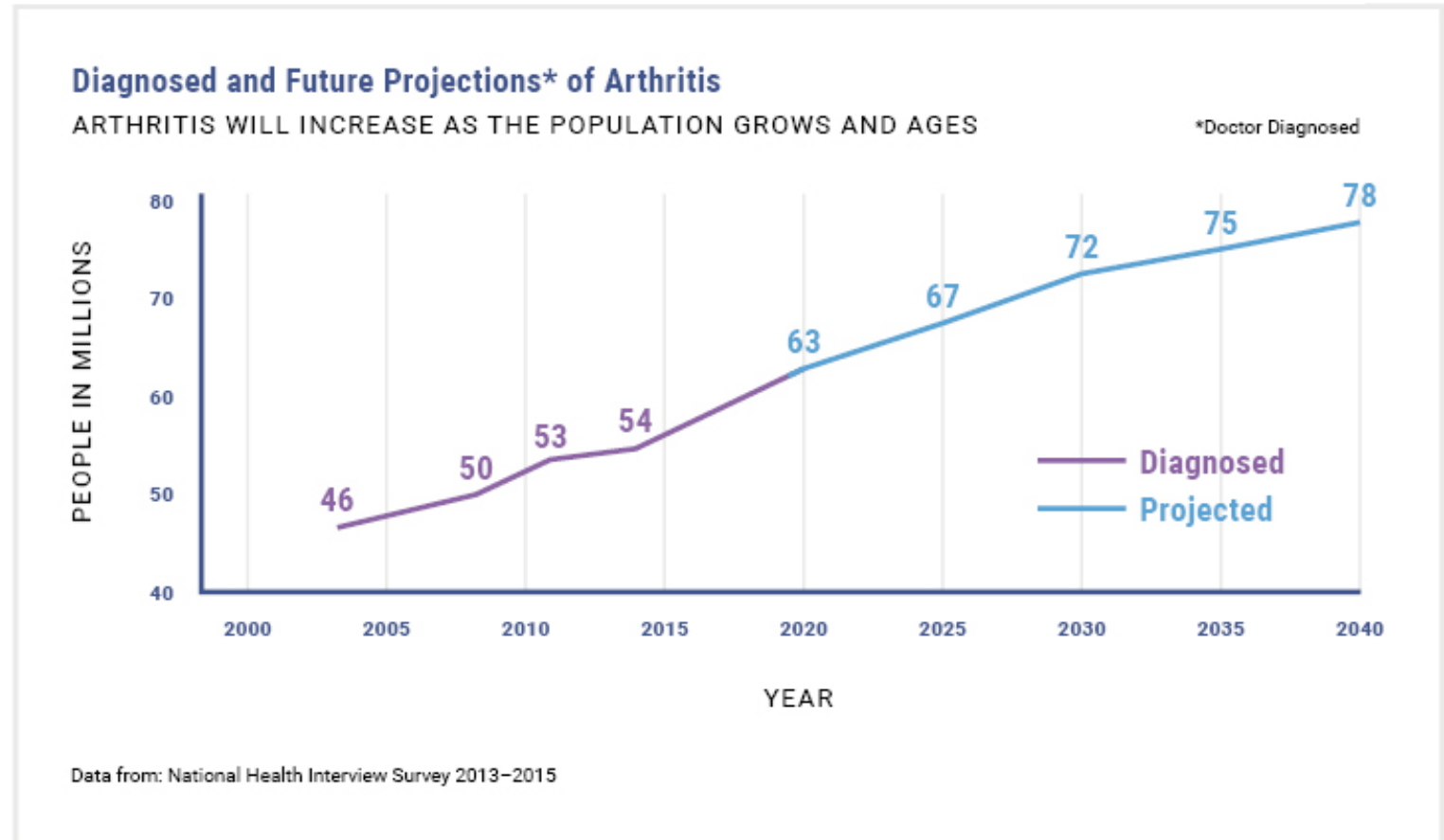
# Objectives



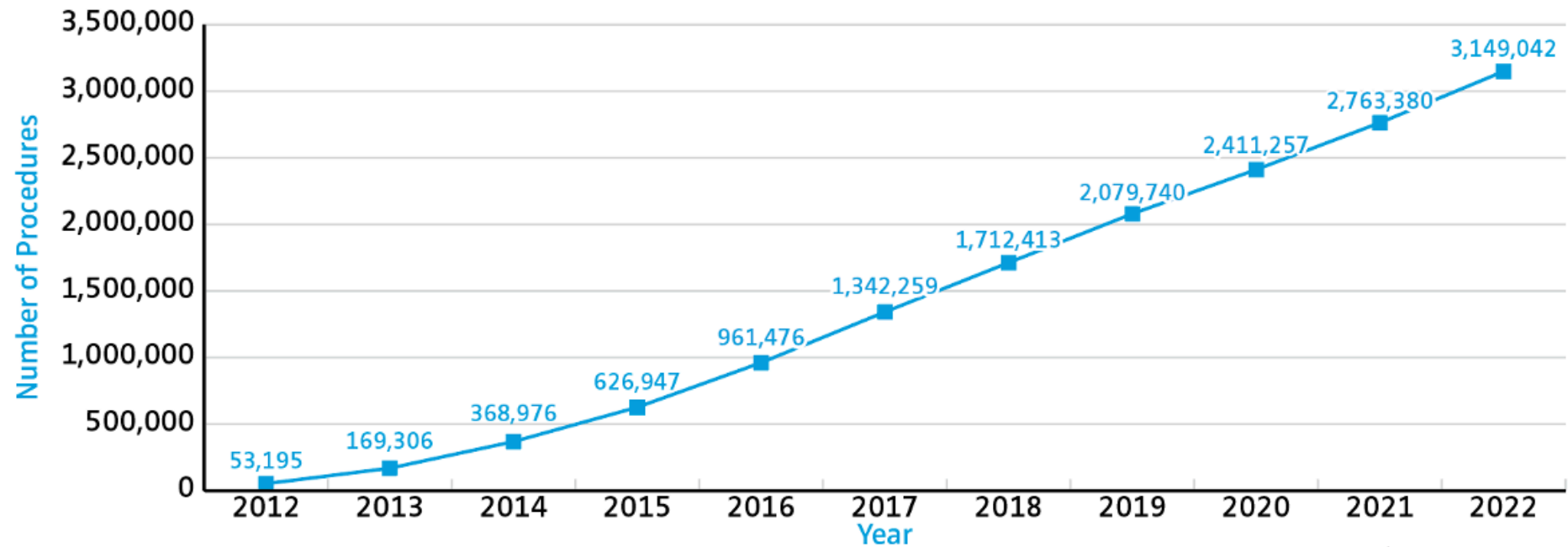
1. Background on hip and knee osteoarthritis (5 minutes)
2. Treatment of hip and knee osteoarthritis (5 minutes)
3. Return to activities after modern total joint replacement (20 minutes)

# Background on hip and knee arthritis

- 1 in 5 adults is affected by some form of arthritis
- Arthritis is the leading cause of disability, accounting for 17.5% of those on disability
- Age – Incidence 55-64



# Figure 1.4: Cumulative Procedure Volume, 2012-2022 (N=3,149,042)



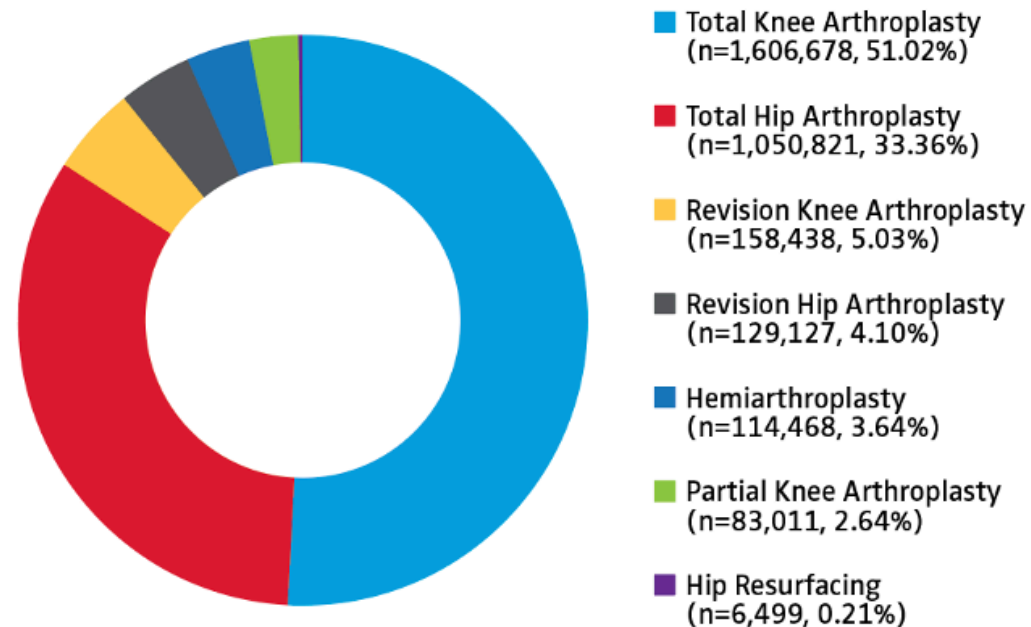
©2023 AAOS American Joint Replacement Registry



**Q1. Which is more common – hip or knee osteoarthritis?**



# Figure 1.6: Distribution of Arthroplasty Procedures, 2012-2022 (n=3,149,042)



©2023 AAOS American Joint Replacement Registry

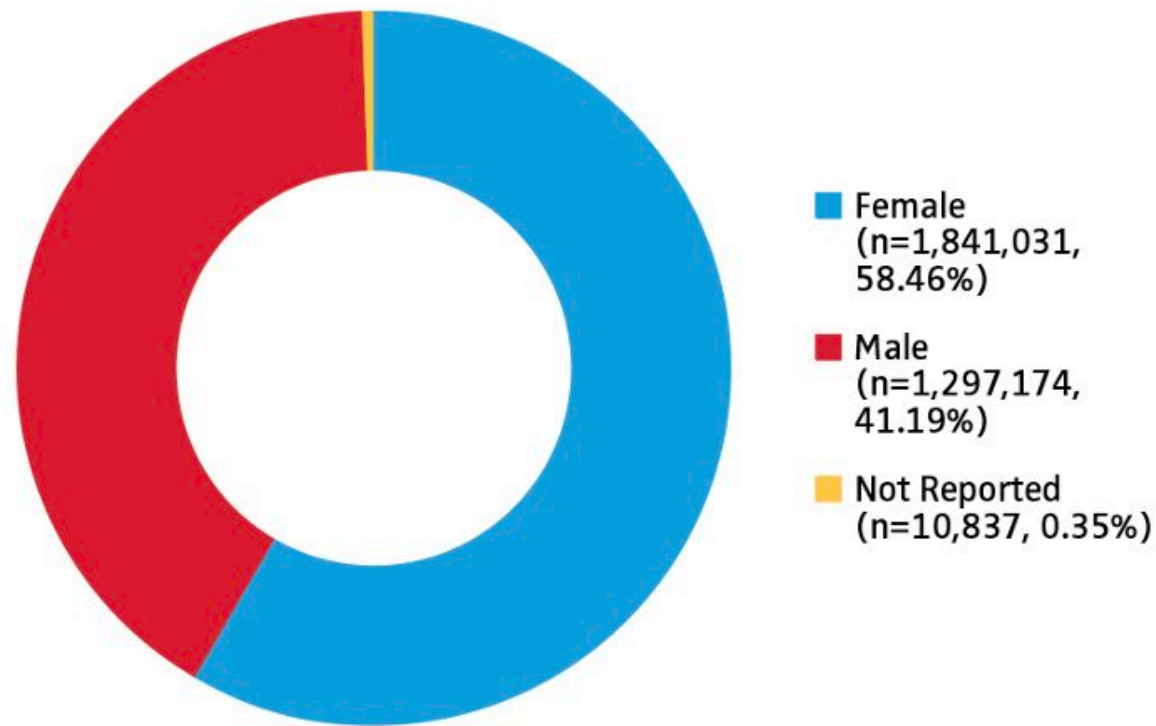


# Q2. IS Arthritis more common in men or women?



- Slightly higher rates in women ~60%

# Figure 1.7: Sex of Patients Undergoing Procedures, 2012-2022 (n=3,149,042)



©2023 AAOS American Joint Replacement Registry



# Patient Burden

- Pain
- Depression and isolation
- Activity limitations
- Work limitations



# Economic Burden

- Overall burden in the U.S. for osteoarthritis is....
- \$136.8 billion!
- Direct costs annually are about \$65 billion
- Lost work



**CMS.gov**





# Treatment

- Non-surgical treatment has little to no risk
- Surgery is elective!
  - Blood clots
  - Infection



# Treatment

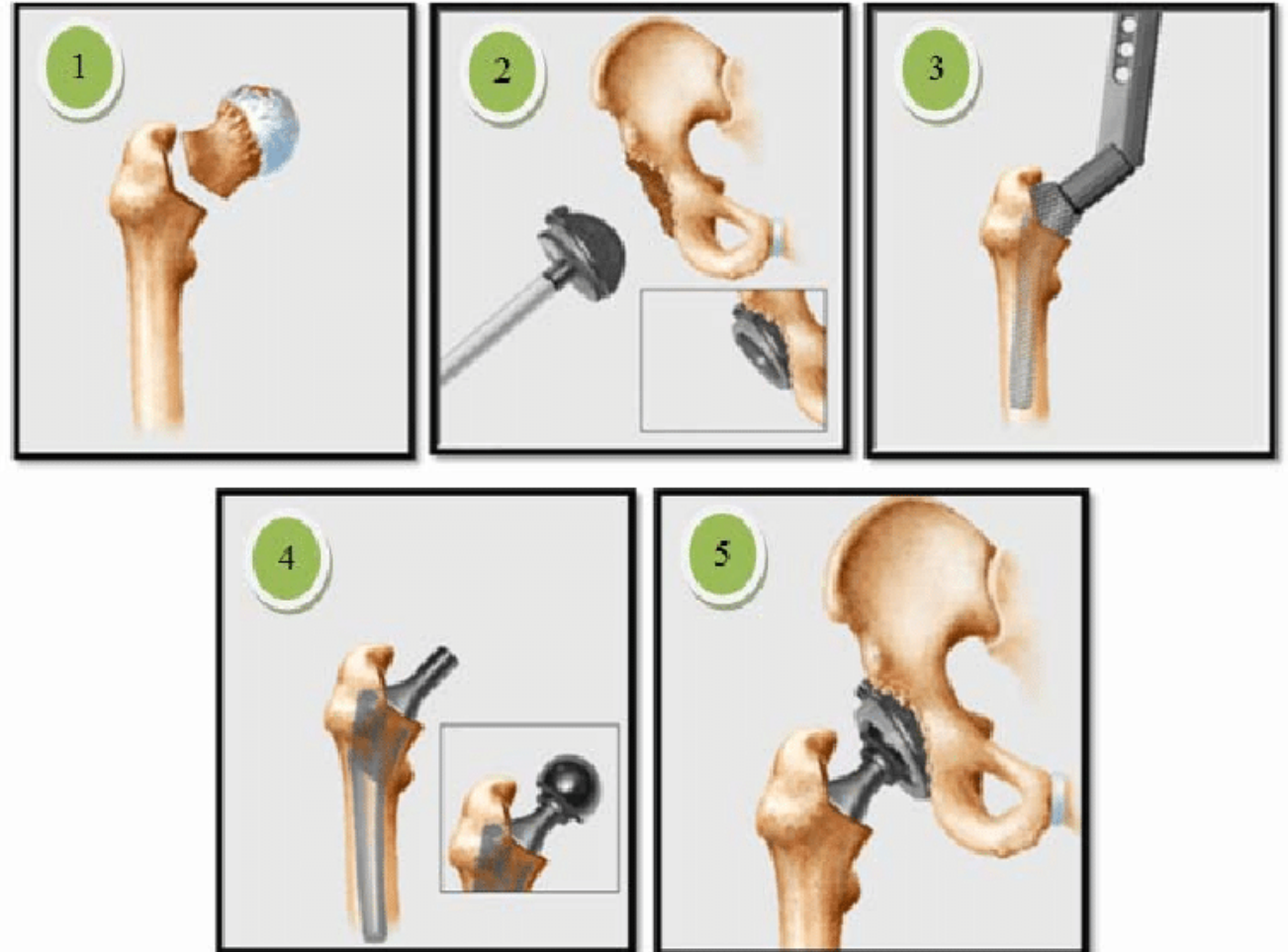
- Patient education
- Low-impact exercise
- Physical therapy
- Weight loss
- Assistive devices
- Cane, walker
- Medications
- Anti-inflammatories
- Injections
- Steroids, lubricating gel





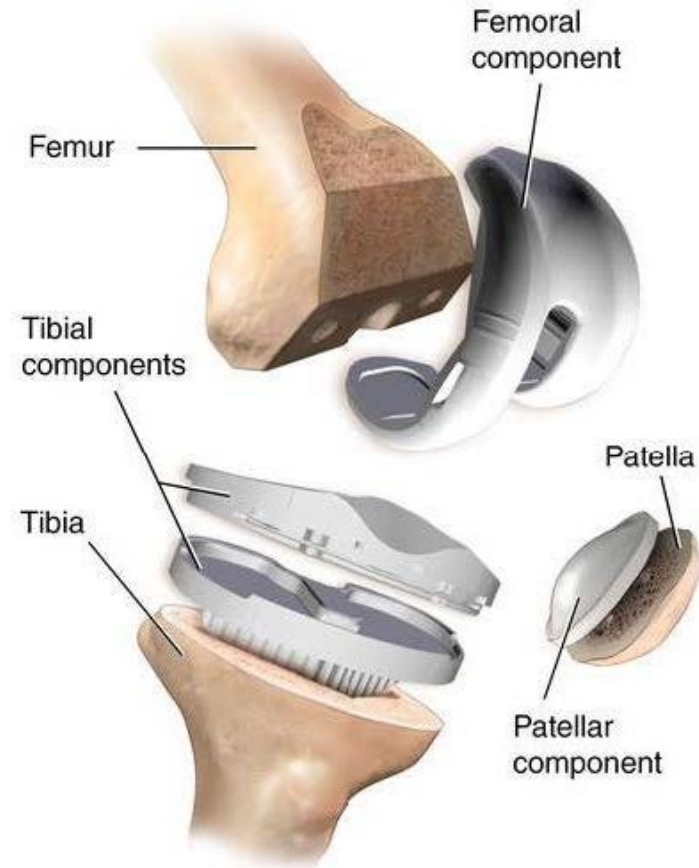
# Total hip – Steps

- Remove femoral head
- Place socket
- Place stem
- Plastic spacer
- “Reduce” hip



# Total knee Steps

- 5 cuts on the femur
- One cut on the tibia
- \*\*One cut on the patella
- Resurface the ends of bone
- Place plastic spacer



# Technology in hip and knee replacement

- 1980 – 1990s



- 2000s –  
PSI/NAVIGATION

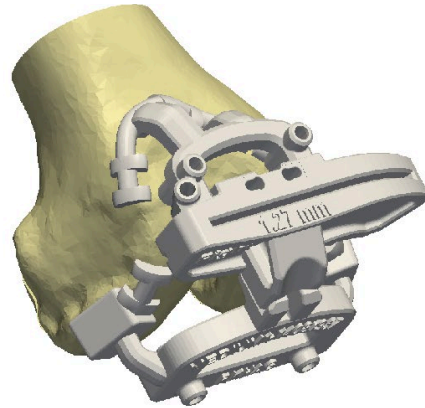


Fig. 1 Femur cut guide

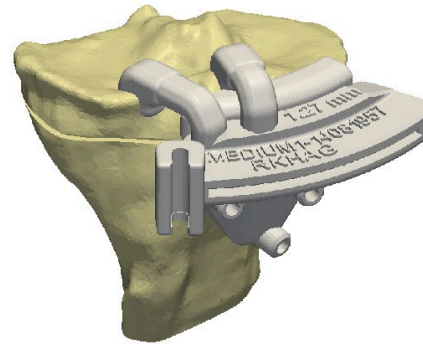
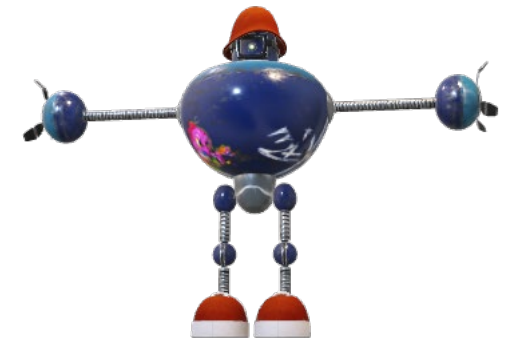
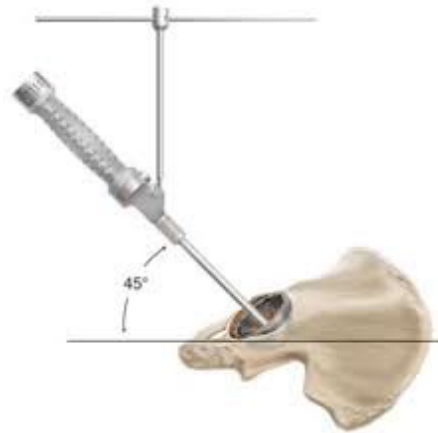


Fig. 2 Tibia cut guide

- 2010 – ROBOTICS



# Stop and Summarize



# Can or May?

Can I play  
outside,  
Grandma?



You can, dear,  
but you're not  
allowed.

**can**

ability or permission (neutral)

**may**

permission (polite)



“Can” and “may” are both used for permission these days. In this cartoon, the grandma is being pedantic, suggesting that “can” is only used for ability.



# Return to Activity after total joints – “MAY I?”

- 54 surgeon survey 1999
- 4 categories
  - Allowed
  - Allowed with experience
  - Not allowed
  - No conclusion

Review

> [Am J Sports Med. 2001 May-Jun;29\(3\):377-88.](#)

doi: 10.1177/03635465010290032301.

## Athletic activity after joint replacement

[W L Healy](#)<sup>1</sup>, [R Iorio](#), [M J Lemos](#)

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 11394613 DOI: [10.1177/03635465010290032301](#)

# 1990s Recommendations

**Table 2. Consensus Guidelines for Return to Activities by the Members of the HS and AAHKS**

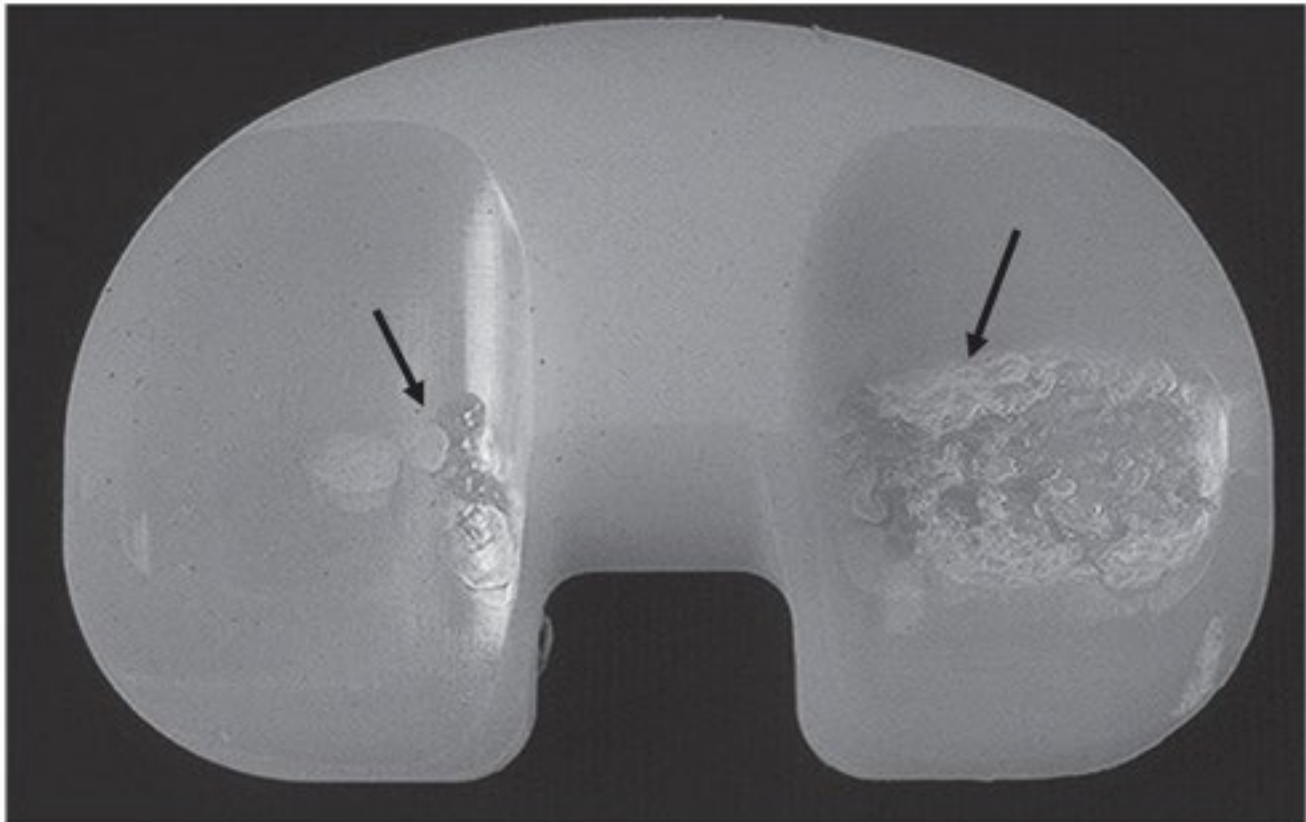
Allow	Allow With Experience	Not Allowed	Undecided
Golf Swimming Doubles Tennis <u>Stairclimber</u> Walking <i>Speed walking</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Hiking</i> <sup>3</sup> <i>Stationary skiing</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Bowling</i> <sup>3</sup> <u>Treadmill</u> <i>Road cycling</i> <sup>3</sup> Stationary bicycling <u>Elliptical</u> <i>Low-impact aerobics</i> <sup>3</sup> <i>Rowing</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Dancing (ballroom, jazz, square)</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Weight machines</i>	<i>Downhill skiing</i> <sup>1</sup> Cross-country skiing <i>Weightlifting</i> <sup>1</sup> <i>Ice Skating/rollerblading</i> <sup>1</sup> <u>Pilates</u>	Racquetball/squash Jogging Contact sports (football, basketball, soccer) High-impact aerobics Baseball/softball <u>Snowboarding</u>	<u>Martial arts</u> <i>Singles tennis</i> <sup>2</sup>

Italic type denotes classification change from a previous study by Healy [12]: 1, change from undecided; 2, change from not allowed; 3, change from allowed with experience; 4, change from allowed. Underline denotes activity not previously described.

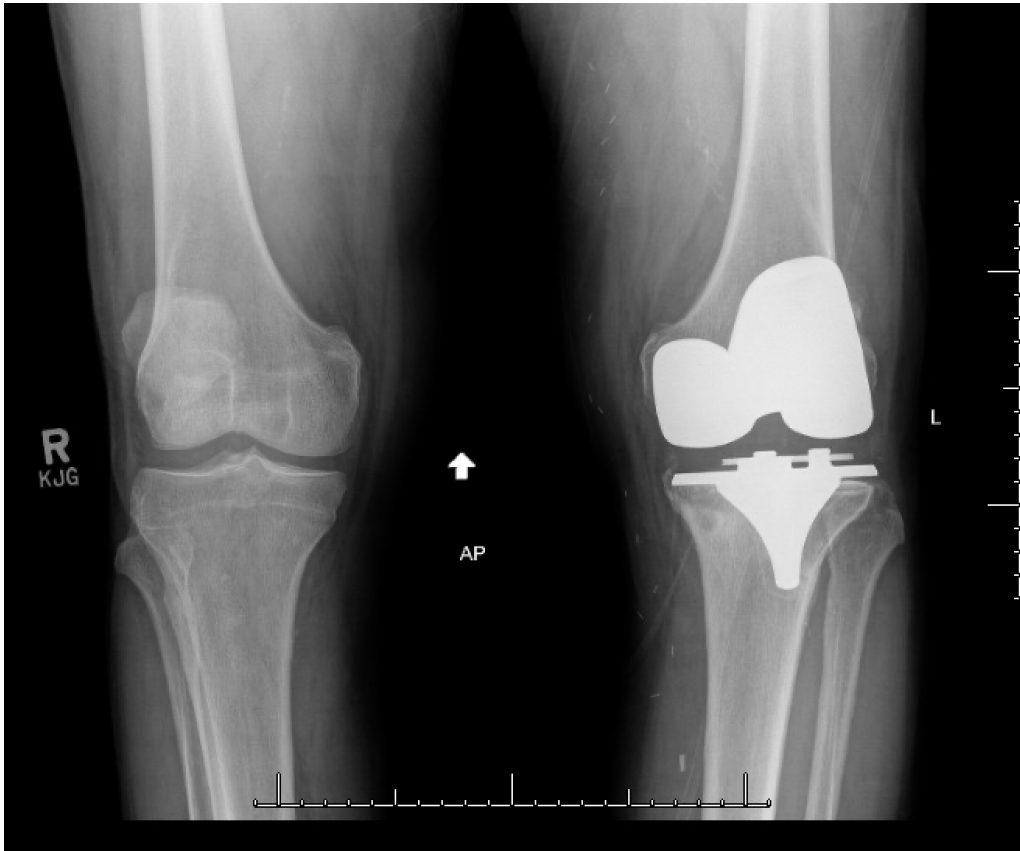




# WHY Were these consensus?



# Wearing out – 3 years post-op





# Highly Cross-linked polyethylene – 2000s



# High impact? 2000s

- **Jogging, downhill skiing,**  
singles tennis, racquetball, squash and basketball
- **4x week average of 3.5 hours**
- **4 years of follow up**



The Journal of Arthroplasty Vol. 23 No. 6 Suppl. 1 2008

## High-Impact Sports After Total Knee Arthroplasty

Michael A. Mont, MD,\* David R. Marker, BS,\* Thorsten M. Seyler, MD,\*  
Lynne C. Jones, PhD,† Frank R. Kolisek, MD,‡ and David S. Hungerford, MD†



ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at ScienceDirect

# The Journal of Arthroplasty

journal homepage: [www.arthroplastyjournal.org](http://www.arthroplastyjournal.org)



## Primary Arthroplasty

# Higher Activity Level Following Total Knee Arthroplasty Is Not Deleterious to Mid-Term Implant Survivorship

David A. Crawford, MD <sup>a,\*</sup>, Joanne B. Adams, BFA, CMI <sup>a</sup>, Gerald R. Hobbs, PhD <sup>b</sup>,  
Keith R. Berend, MD <sup>a,c</sup>, Adolph V. Lombardi Jr., MD, FACS <sup>a,c,d</sup>

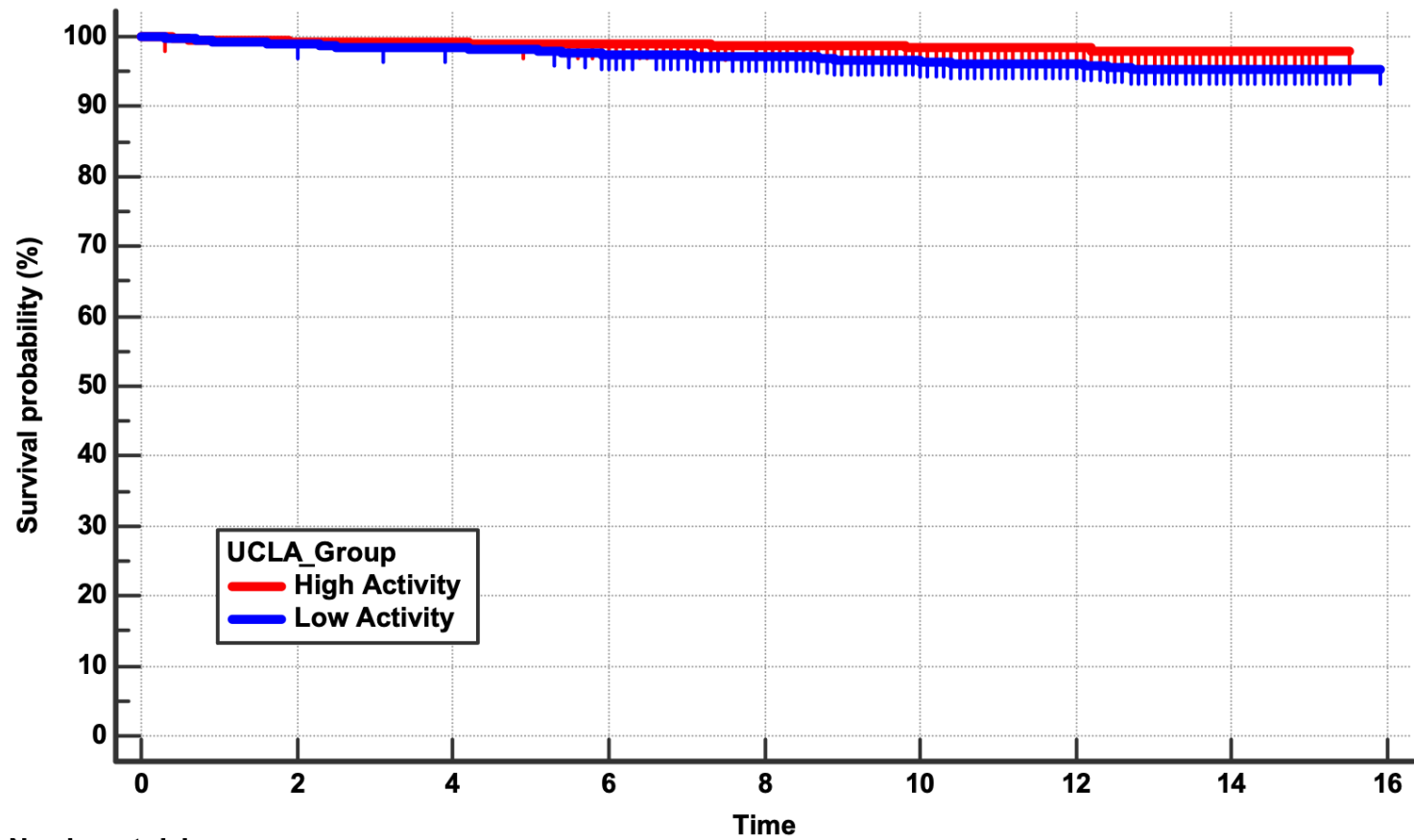
<sup>a</sup> Joint Implant Surgeons, Inc., New Albany, OH

<sup>b</sup> Department of Statistics, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

<sup>c</sup> Mount Carmel Health System, New Albany, OH

<sup>d</sup> Department of Orthopaedics, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH





Number at risk		Time							
	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
Group: High Activity	828	820	820	807	767	669	305	63	0
Group: Low Activity	1210	1197	1187	1170	1122	945	465	114	0

Fig. 1. Kaplan-Meier all-cause survival of low activity and high activity.



ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)

# The Journal of Arthroplasty

journal homepage: [www.arthroplastyjournal.org](http://www.arthroplastyjournal.org)



Primary Hip

## Return to Sports After Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Survey Among Members of the European Hip Society

Martin Thaler, MD, MSc <sup>a</sup>, Ismail Khosravi, MD <sup>a,\*</sup>, David Putzer, PhD, MSc <sup>b</sup>,  
Klaus A. Siebenrock, MD <sup>c</sup>, Luigi Zagra, MD <sup>d</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Traumatology, Medical University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria

<sup>b</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Experimental Orthopaedics, Medical University of Innsbruck, Innsbruck, Austria

<sup>c</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Bern, Bern Inselspital, Bern, Switzerland

<sup>d</sup> IRCCS Istituto Ortopedico Galeazzi, Hip Department, Milan, Italy





**Table 1**  
Summary of Recommendations for Endurance Sports.

Follow-Up	Allowed	Allowed When Experienced	Not Allowed	No Opinion	z-test P Value	Recommendation
Walking						
6 wk	97%	2%	1%	0%	.001	Recommended
6-12 wk	97%	1%	0%	1%	.001	Recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	96%	1%	0%	3%	.001	Recommended
6 mo	93%	1%	0%	6%	.001	Recommended
Walking stairs						
6 wk	91%	9%	1%	0%	.001	Recommended
6-12 wk	95%	2%	1%	2%	.001	Recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	95%	1%	0%	5%	.001	Recommended
6 mo	93%	1%	0%	6%	.001	Recommended
Jogging						
6 wk	7%	15%	77%	1%	.001	Not recommended
6-12 wk	37%	21%	39%	3%	.15	Undecided
12 wk to 6 mo	70%	11%	15%	5%	.001	Recommended
6 mo	75%	9%	9%	7%	.001	Recommended
Jogging on road						
6 wk	4%	13%	81%	1%	.001	Not recommended
6-12 wk	28%	23%	45%	5%	.001	Not recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	63%	11%	21%	5%	.01	Recommended
6 mo	69%	9%	15%	7%	.001	Recommended
Running						
6 wk	3%	9%	86%	3%	.001	Not recommended
6-12 wk	21%	19%	55%	5%	.35	Undecided
12 wk to 6 mo	51%	17%	26%	5%	.27	Undecided
6 mo	61%	12%	21%	7%	.02	Recommended
Running on a treadmill						
6 wk	7%	17%	73%	3%	.001	Not recommended
6-12 wk	30%	23%	42%	5%	.01	Not recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	60%	15%	19%	6%	.01	Recommended
6 mo	67%	11%	13%	8%	.001	Recommended
Mountain biking/incline cycling						
6 wk	7%	9%	80%	5%	.001	Not recommended
6-12 wk	19%	26%	51%	5%	.03	Not recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	45%	28%	20%	7%	.03	Recommended
6 mo	58%	22%	11%	9%	.001	Recommended
Cycling on even ground						
6 wk	28%	25%	43%	4%	.01	Not recommended
6-12 wk	55%	21%	21%	3%	.001	Recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	73%	17%	4%	6%	.001	Recommended
6 mo	77%	13%	2%	8%	.001	Recommended
Static cycling						
6 wk	73%	19%	7%	1%	.001	Recommended
6-12 wk	81%	12%	4%	3%	.001	Recommended
12 wk to 6 mo	87%	7%	0%	5%	.001	Recommended
6 mo	87%	3%	1%	8%	.001	Recommended

# Comparison of Outcomes in High Versus Low Activity Level Patients After Total Joint Arthroplasty



Hayley E. Ennis, MD <sup>a</sup>, Kyle T. Lamar <sup>b</sup>, Roseann M. Johnson, BS <sup>a</sup>,  
Jessica L. Phillips, MD <sup>a</sup>, Jason M. Jennings, MD, DPT <sup>a, c, \*</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Colorado Joint Replacement, Denver, Colorado

<sup>b</sup> Rocky Vista University, Parker, Colorado

<sup>c</sup> Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

## ARTICLE INFO

### Article history:

Received 19 December 2022

Received in revised form

9 June 2023

Accepted 19 June 2023

Available online 26 June 2023

### Keywords:

total joint arthroplasty

activity

wear

sports

survivorship

## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Activity level (AL) recommendations following total joint arthroplasty (TJA) remain controversial. Our purpose was to compare implant survivorship of high activity (HA) and low activity (LA) patients after primary TJA. We hypothesized that there would be no difference in implant survivorship based on AL.

**Methods:** This was a retrospective 1:1 matched cohort study after primary TJA with minimum 5-year follow-up. High activity patients were designated by the University of California and Los Angeles activity-level rating scale score  $\geq 8$  and matched to LA patients based on age ( $\pm 5$ ), sex, and body mass index ( $\pm 5$ ). There were 396 HA patients (149 knees and 48 hips) who met inclusion criteria. We analyzed revision rates, adverse events, and radiographic lucencies.

**Results:** Crepitus was the most common adverse events in both HA and LA total knee arthroplasties (TKAs). Adverse events were rare in total hip arthroplasty (THA) cohorts. For both THA and TKA patients, the HA cohort did not have increased reoperations or revisions when compared to the LA cohort. No differences were noted in overall radiographic analysis between HA (16.1%) and LA (12.1%) TKA patients ( $P = .318$ ), and in THA patients, more radiographic problems were noted in LA ( $P = .004$ ).

**Conclusion:** We found no difference in minimum 5-year postoperative implant survivorship based on AL. This may change AL recommendations after TKA and THA.



**DO AS  
YOU  
PLEASE**



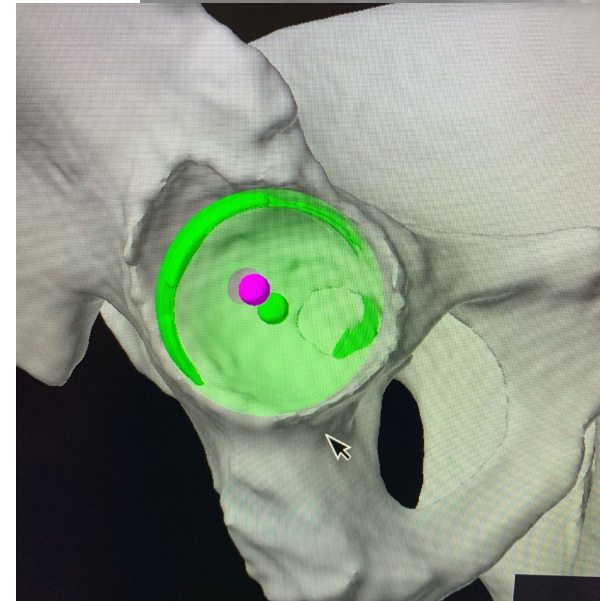
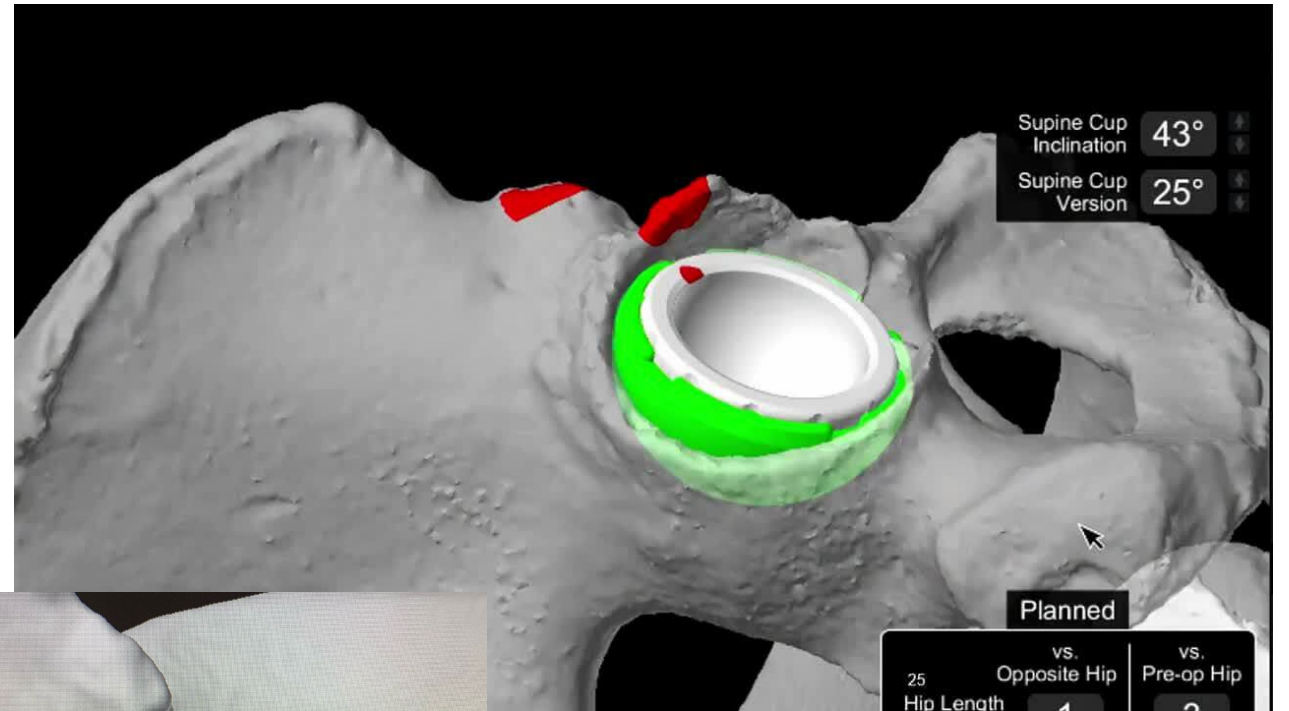
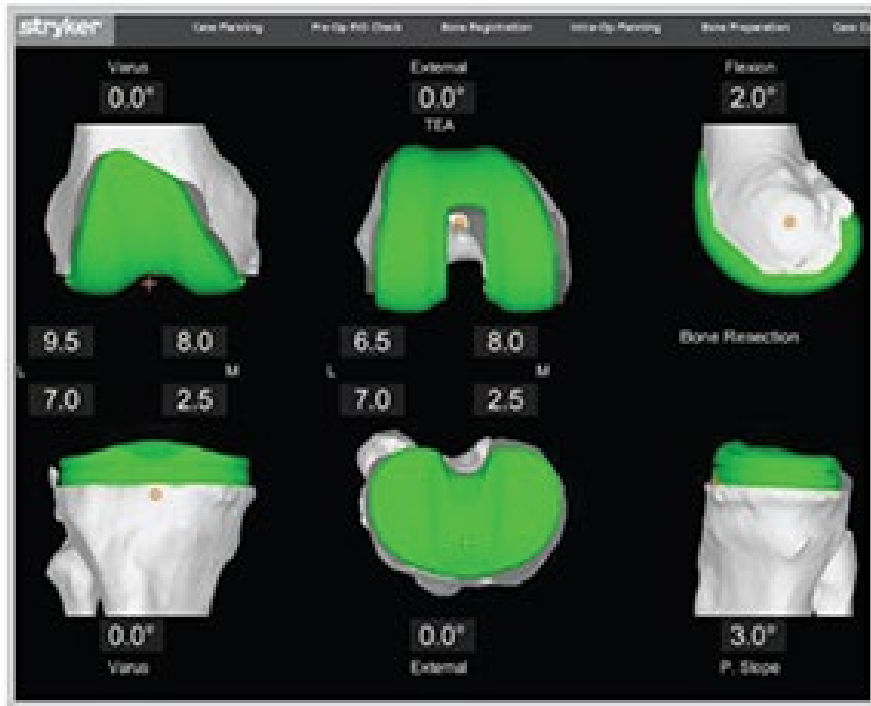






# Robotic Platforms

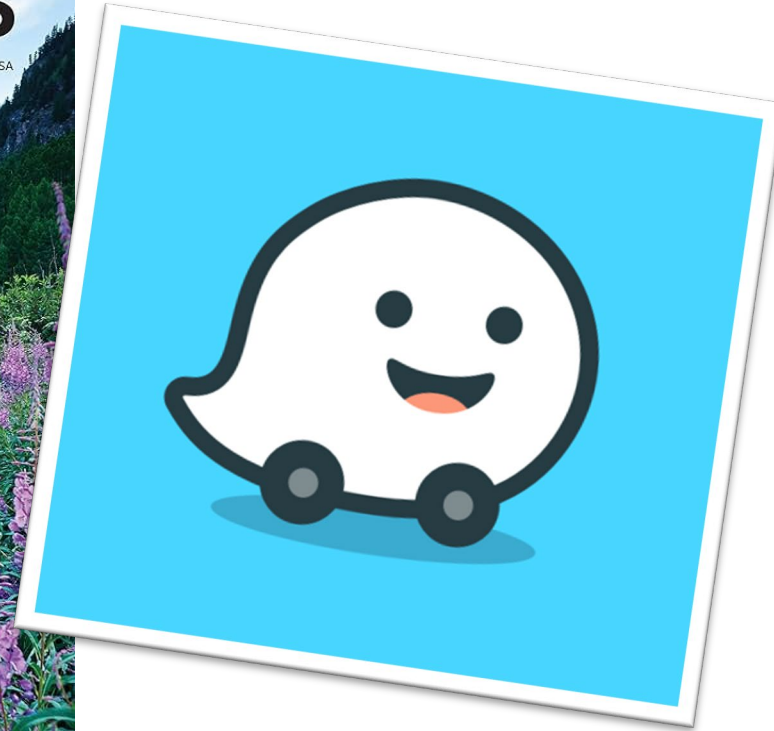
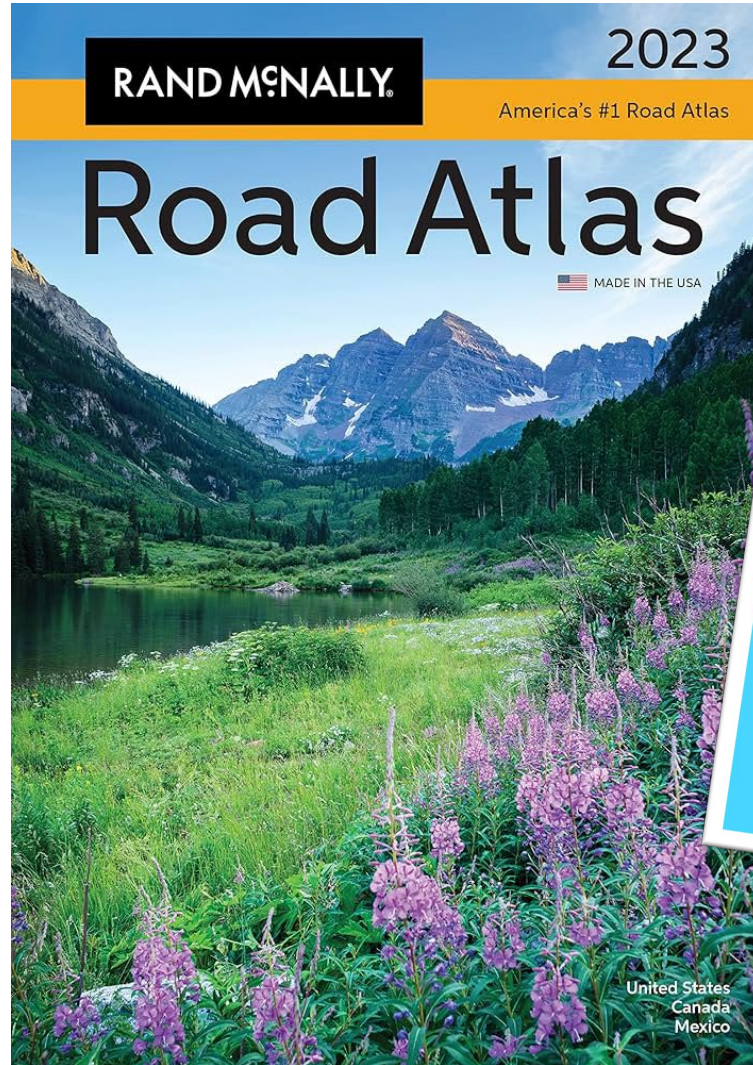




# 1 Personalized pre-operative plan



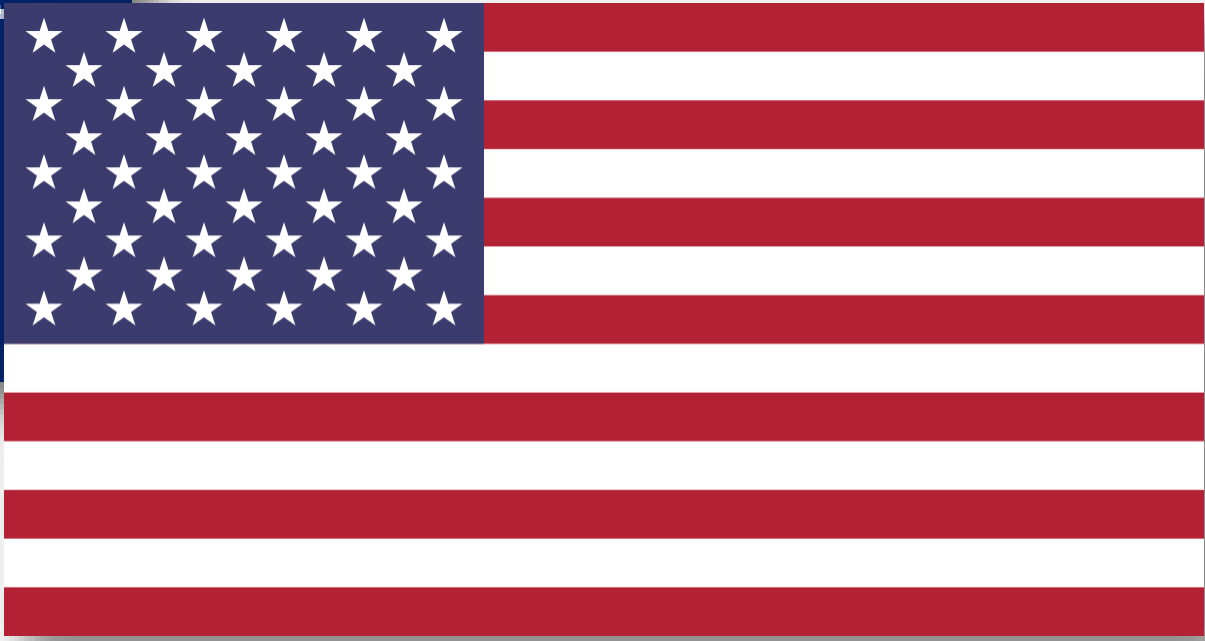
# Poll







# Highest rate of robotic total knee as of 2023?



- 30%
- 13%

# Registry data

Figure KT45 Primary Total Knee Replacement by Technology Assistance (Primary Diagnosis OA)

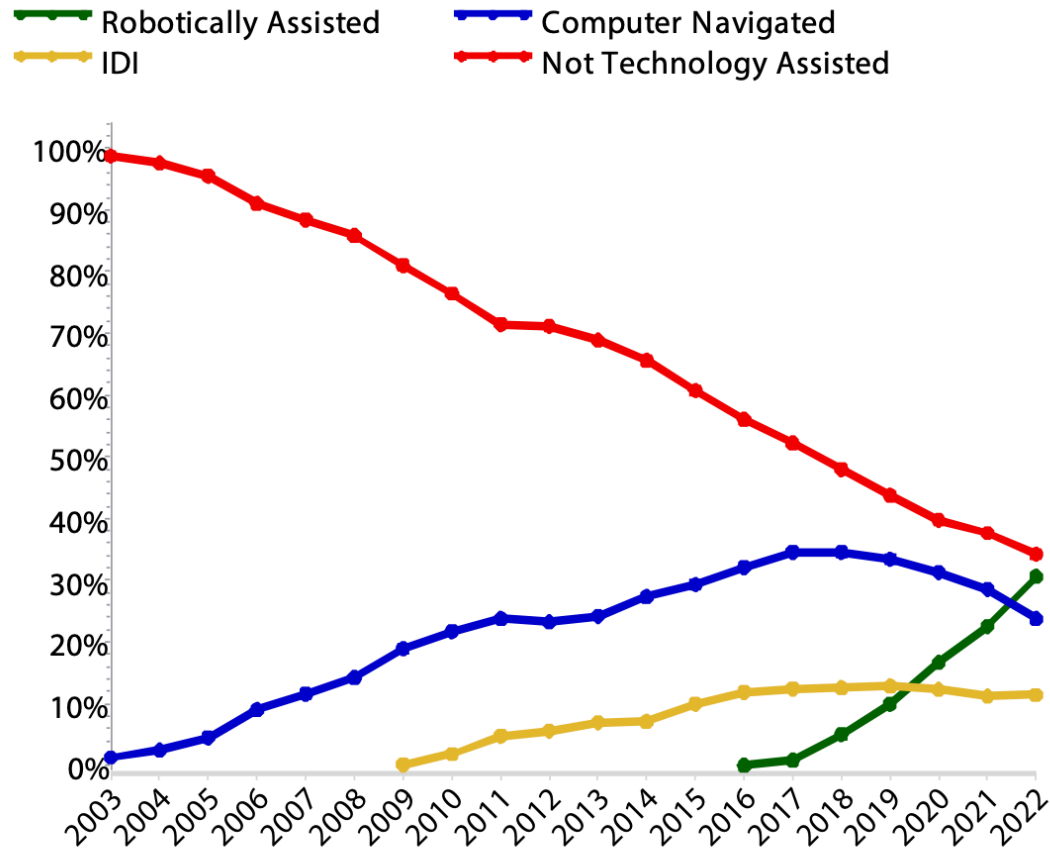
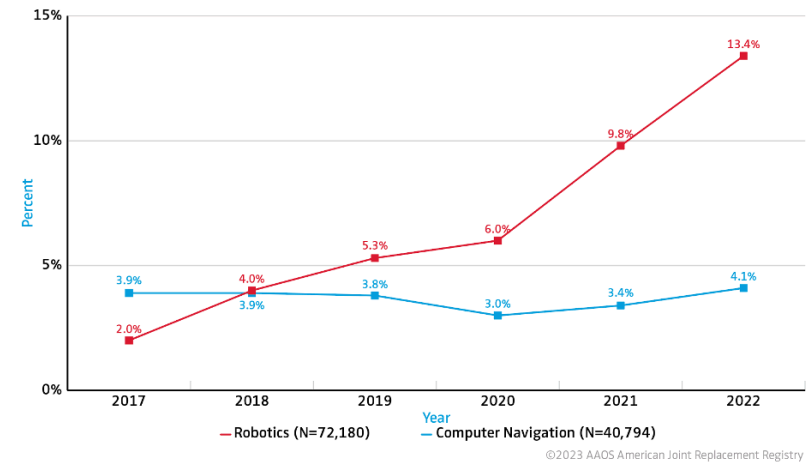
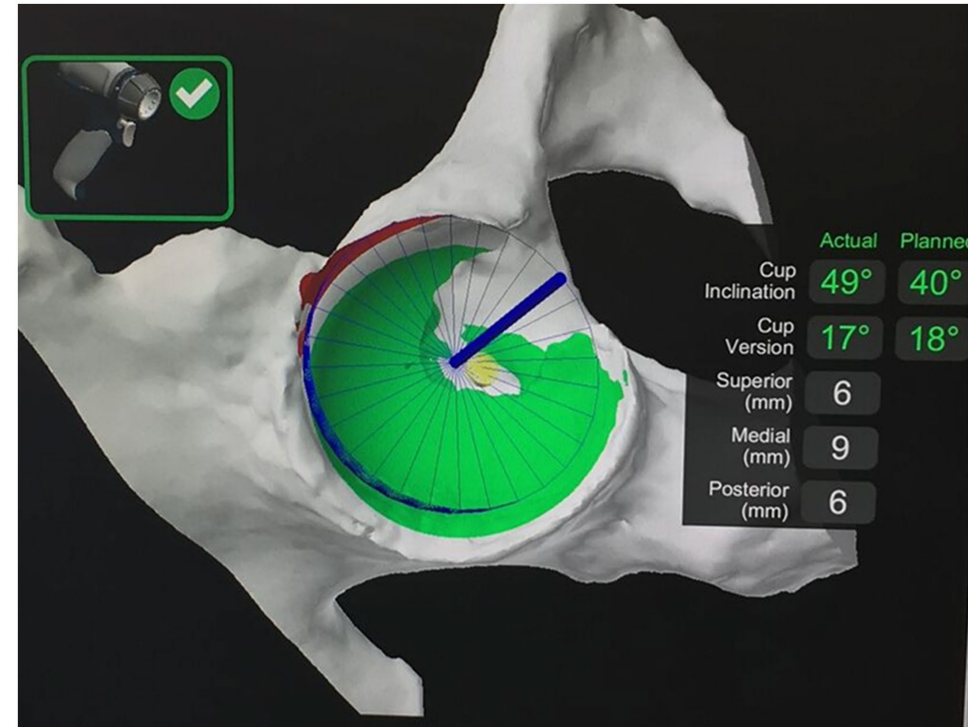
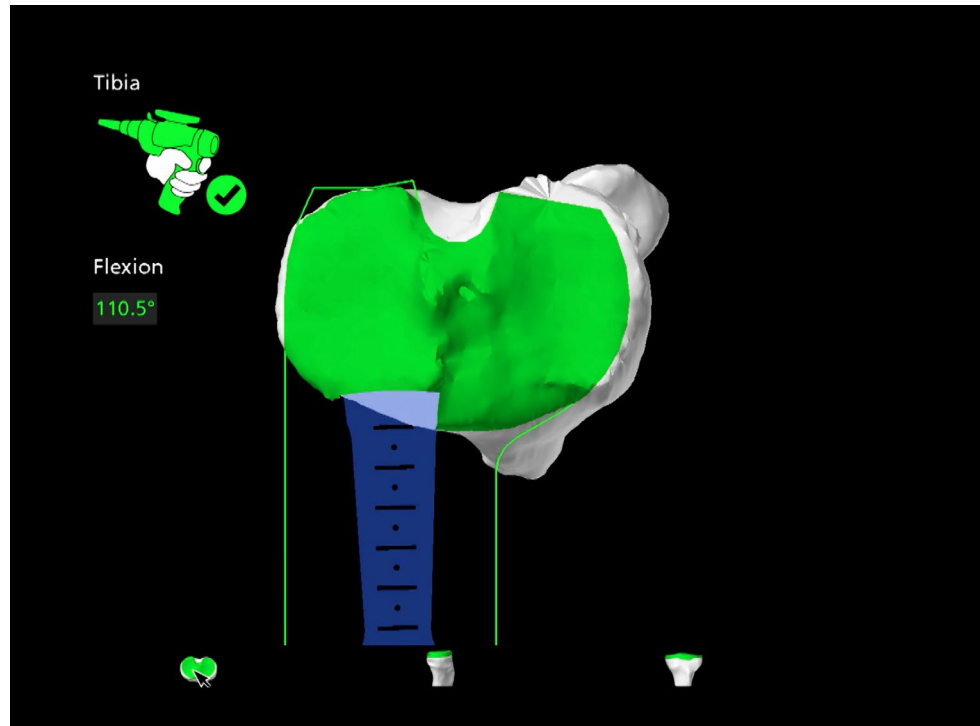


Figure 3.16: Rate of Technology Use for Assistance in Total Knee Arthroplasty, 2017-2022



# Summary

- Better polyethylene bearing (plastics)
- Better implant placement





# Can you, or may you?



> [Am J Sports Med.](#) 1998 Jul-Aug;26(4):530-5. doi: 10.1177/03635465980260041001.

## Participation in sports after total knee replacement

[N Bradbury](#) <sup>1</sup>, [D Borton](#), [G Spoo](#), [M J Cross](#)

Affiliations + expand

PMID: 9689373 DOI: [10.1177/03635465980260041001](#)

- 77% return to sports
- More likely to return to low impact sports
- Only about 20% were able to do high-impact sports



Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](#)

## The Journal of Arthroplasty

journal homepage: [www.arthroplastyjournal.org](http://www.arthroplastyjournal.org)



Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

### Sport and Physical Activity Following Primary Total Knee Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis



Carola Hanreich, MD, Luca Martelanz, Cand. Med, Ulrich Koller, MD, MSc, Reinhard Windhager, MD, Wenzel Waldstein, MD \*

*Department of Orthopedics and Trauma Surgery, Vienna General Hospital, Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria*

- Sports participation after total joint was around 70%
- Favored low-impact sports activities over high impact sports





ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com)

## The Journal of Arthroplasty

journal homepage: [www.arthroplastyjournal.org](http://www.arthroplastyjournal.org)



### Primary Hip

## Return to Competitive Level of Play and Performance in Regular Golfers After Total Hip Arthroplasty: Analysis of 599 Patients at Minimum 2-Year Follow-Up

Charles Pioger, MD <sup>a, b, \*</sup>, Christophe Jacquet, MD <sup>a</sup>, Jonathan P. Bellity, MD <sup>c</sup>, Jérôme Delambre, MD <sup>d</sup>, Olivier Rouillon, MD <sup>a</sup>, Rémy Nizard, MD, PhD <sup>a</sup>, Didier Hannouche, MD, PhD <sup>a, e, f</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Lariboisière Hospital, Paris 7 University, Paris, France

<sup>b</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Ambroise Paré Hospital, Boulogne, France

<sup>c</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Hôpital des Peupliers, Ramsay Générale de Santé, Paris, France

<sup>d</sup> Clinique Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire, Ramsay Générale de Santé, Paris, France

<sup>e</sup> Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Geneva University Hospitals & Faculty of Medicine, Geneva, Switzerland

<sup>f</sup> ReFORM IOC Research Centre for Prevention of Injury and Protection of Athletes Health



The Journal of Arthroplasty 37 (2022) 460–467



ELSEVIER

Contents lists available at [ScienceDirect](https://www.sciencedirect.com)

## The Journal of Arthroplasty

journal homepage: [www.arthroplastyjournal.org](http://www.arthroplastyjournal.org)



### Primary Hip and Knee Arthroplasty

## Can I Ski Doc?: Return to Skiing Following Total Joint Arthroplasty

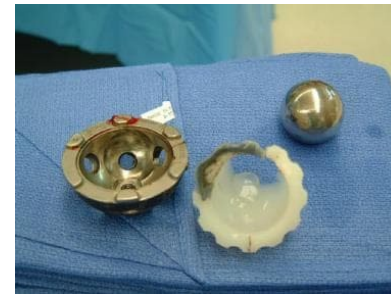
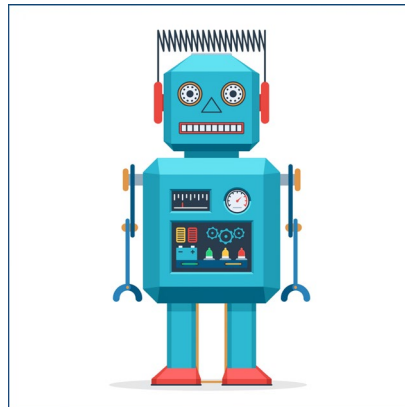
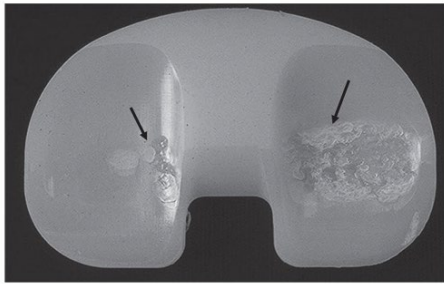
Alex Lancaster, MD <sup>\*</sup>, Matthew Christie, MD, Brenna E. Blackburn, PhD, Christopher E. Pelt, MD, Christopher L. Peters, MD, Blake Dunson, Jeremy M. Gililland, MD, Lucas A. Anderson, MD

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT



# Return to sports after total joints

- Modern bearing surfaces
- Placement of implants
- 70% return to sports with only  $\frac{1}{4}$  returning to high impact
- 6 months
- Bias towards lower impact activities






CONTACT WITH DR. EDGINGTON

## LOCATIONS & DIRECTIONS


### MUNSTER OFFICE

730 45th Ave  
Munster, IN 46321

 **(219) 924-3300**


### ST. JOHN OFFICE

10200 Wicker Ave  
Suite 1  
St. John, IN 46373

 **(219) 924-3300**


### HOBART OFFICE

1500 South Lake Park  
Avenue, SP 402  
Hobart, IN 46342

 **(219) 945-4488**

### VALPARAISO OFFICE

3800 St. Mary Drive  
Suite 101  
Valparaiso, IN 46383

 **(219) 945-4488**

[REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT](#)