

Questions to Ask Your Provider

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY, ASK YOUR DOCTOR THE FOLLOWING:

- How do I know if it's time for a knee replacement surgery?
- What options are available besides surgery?
- Do I need someone to stay with me after surgery?
- How many ways can a knee be replaced?
- How long does a knee replacement last?
- What will the artificial joint be made of?
- Can a person be allergic to the artificial material? If so, what happens?
- What do I need to do to get ready for surgery?
- In my situation, do you recommend I have my surgery in a hospital or surgery center? What is the average time to be in the hospital or surgery center?
- How soon until I am able to walk?
- Will it hurt the first time I walk?
- How long will I be in pain?
- How long will I need pain medication?
- Do you have any pain management options other than opioid pain medicine?
- Will I need physical therapy after I go home? If so, how often and for how long?
- How soon can I go back to work?
- How will this surgery change my pain?
- How many of your patients have experienced complications after surgery?
- Will my knee replacement cause metal detectors to go off?
- If my knee replacement wears out, can I get a second one?
- Do I need to do anything special to take care of my knee replacement once I've recovered? What is the expected recovery time for a knee replacement?



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