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Considering Total Joint Replacement? Questions to Ask Your Surgeon.

The following list of questions can help guide you in your decisions. Bring this list to your next appointment to discuss with your doctor. Don't hesitate to ask any questions from this list or any additional questions you may have.

- Is surgery my only option? Are there any nonsurgical treatments I can try first?
- What are the benefits of having total joint replacement?
- What are the most common risks and complications?
- What is more important: the implant and type of procedure, or the skill and experience of the surgeon?
- Are the implants gender-specific?
- How long will my new implants last?
- What are the advantages / disadvantages of this specific procedure/implant?
- How long will the procedure take?
- How long will I be in the hospital?
- How much pain can I expect? How will it be managed in the hospital / at home?
- Will I need physical and occupational therapy after surgery?
- Who should I contact after surgery with questions or concerns?
- What will I be able to do/not do after my total joint replacement surgery? When will I be able to resume normal activity?



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