

Knee Replacement Handbook

- How to Get Back to a Pain Free Life
After a Knee Replacement -

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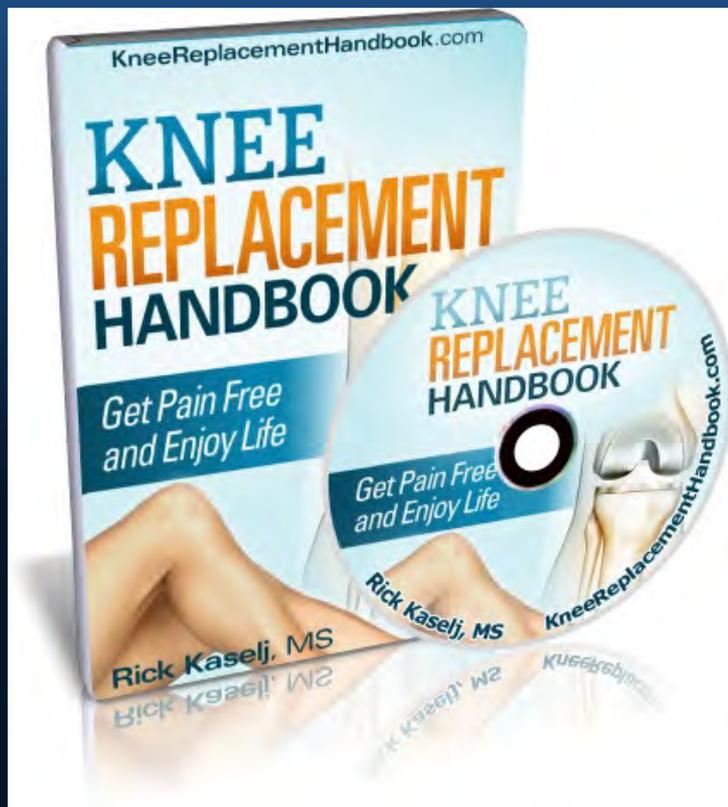
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Presentation Objectives



- Part 1 – What You Need to Know About a Knee Replacement
- Part 2 – What Will Make Your Knee Replacement Pain Better or Worse
- Part 3 – 3-Stage Pain Relieving Exercise Program for Knee Replacement

Part 1 – What You Need to Know About a Knee Replacement

Knee Replacement

– What is a Knee Replacement?

- A surgical procedure to replace the weight-bearing surfaces of the knee joint to relieve pain and disability



Why Are Knee Replacements Performed?



- Pain
- Loss of function

Goal of a Knee Replacement



- Pain-free joint
- Fully functional
- Durable knee joint

**Focusing on what you can
do to get back to being
pain-free.**

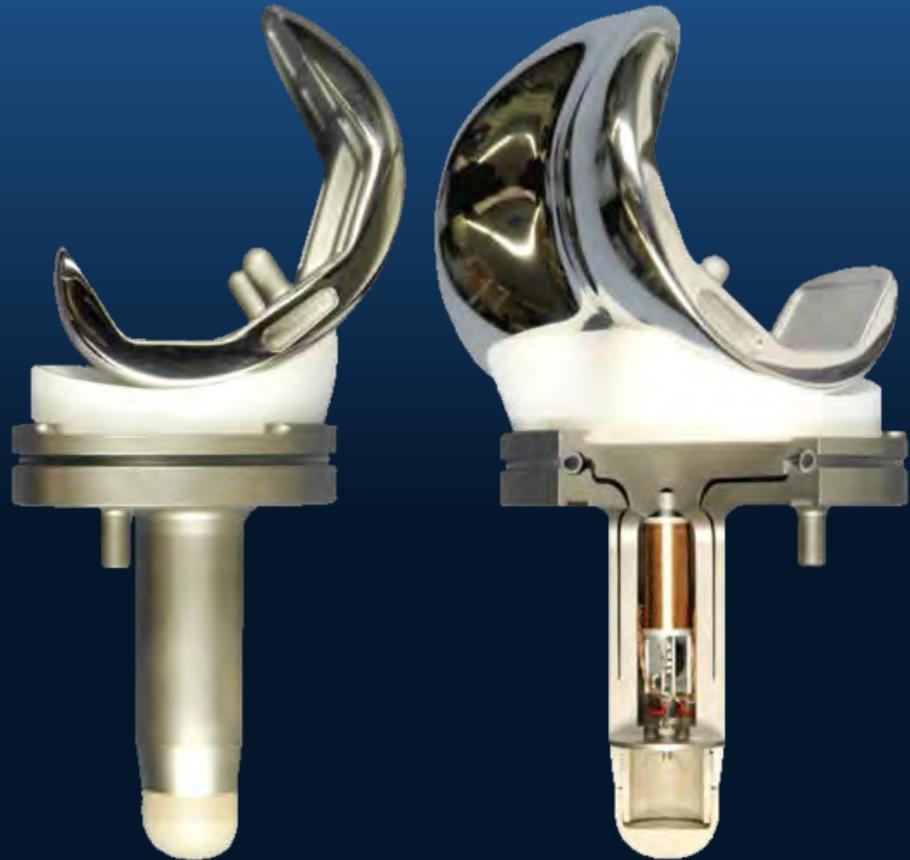
Different Types of Knee Replacement

- Total Knee Replacement
- Partial Knee Replacement
 - Bicompartmental knee replacement
 - Unicompartmental knee replacement
- Other Progress in KR:
 - Minimally invasive surgery (MIS)
 - Techniques gender-specific prosthetics
 - Computer-assisted navigation systems

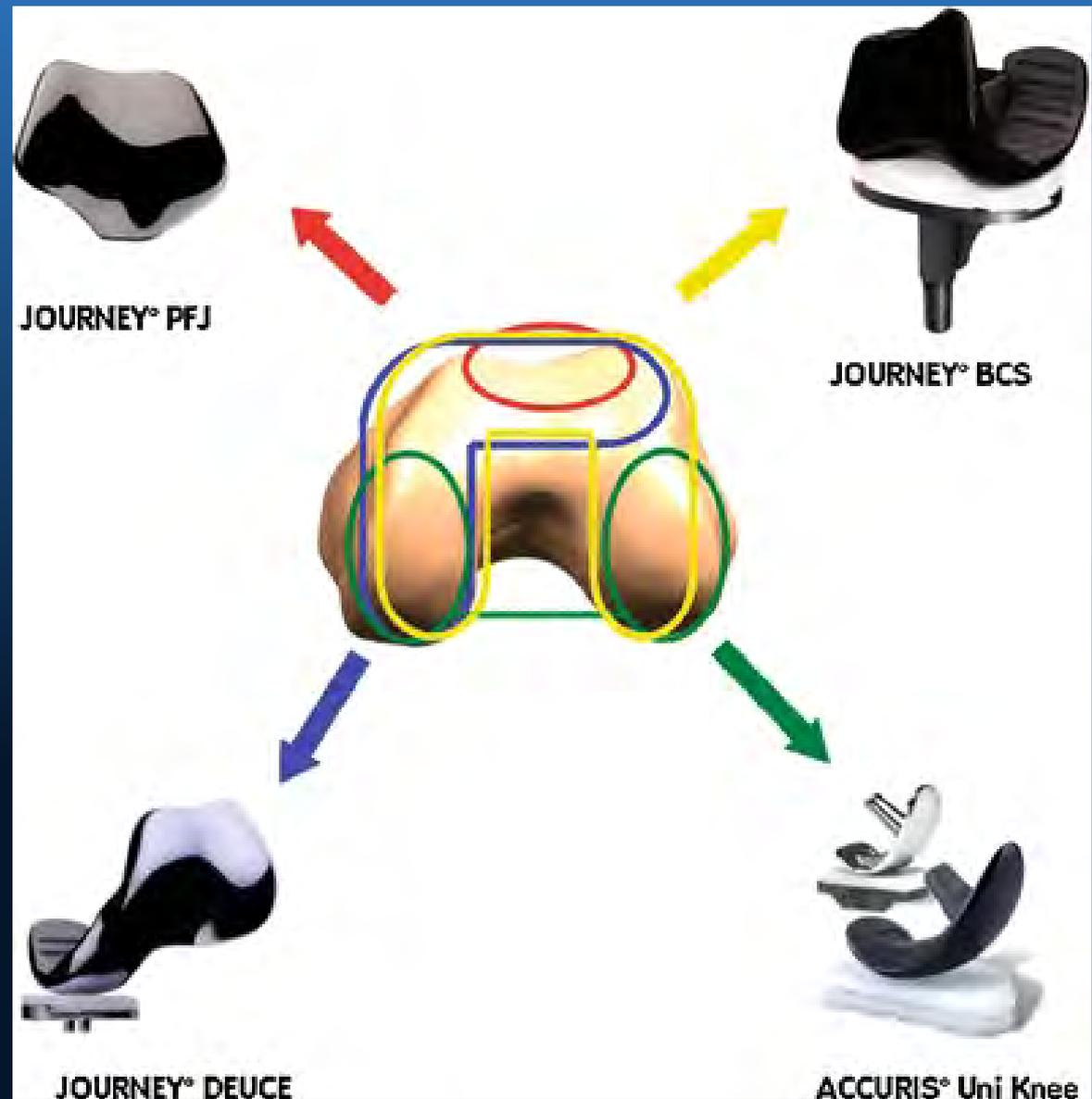


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- Total knee replacement hardware, including femoral head, tibial plate, patellar plate, and meniscus replacement plate.



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Different Types of Knee Replacement

– Orthopaedic surgeons are now able to offer patients knee replacement procedures that are associated with:

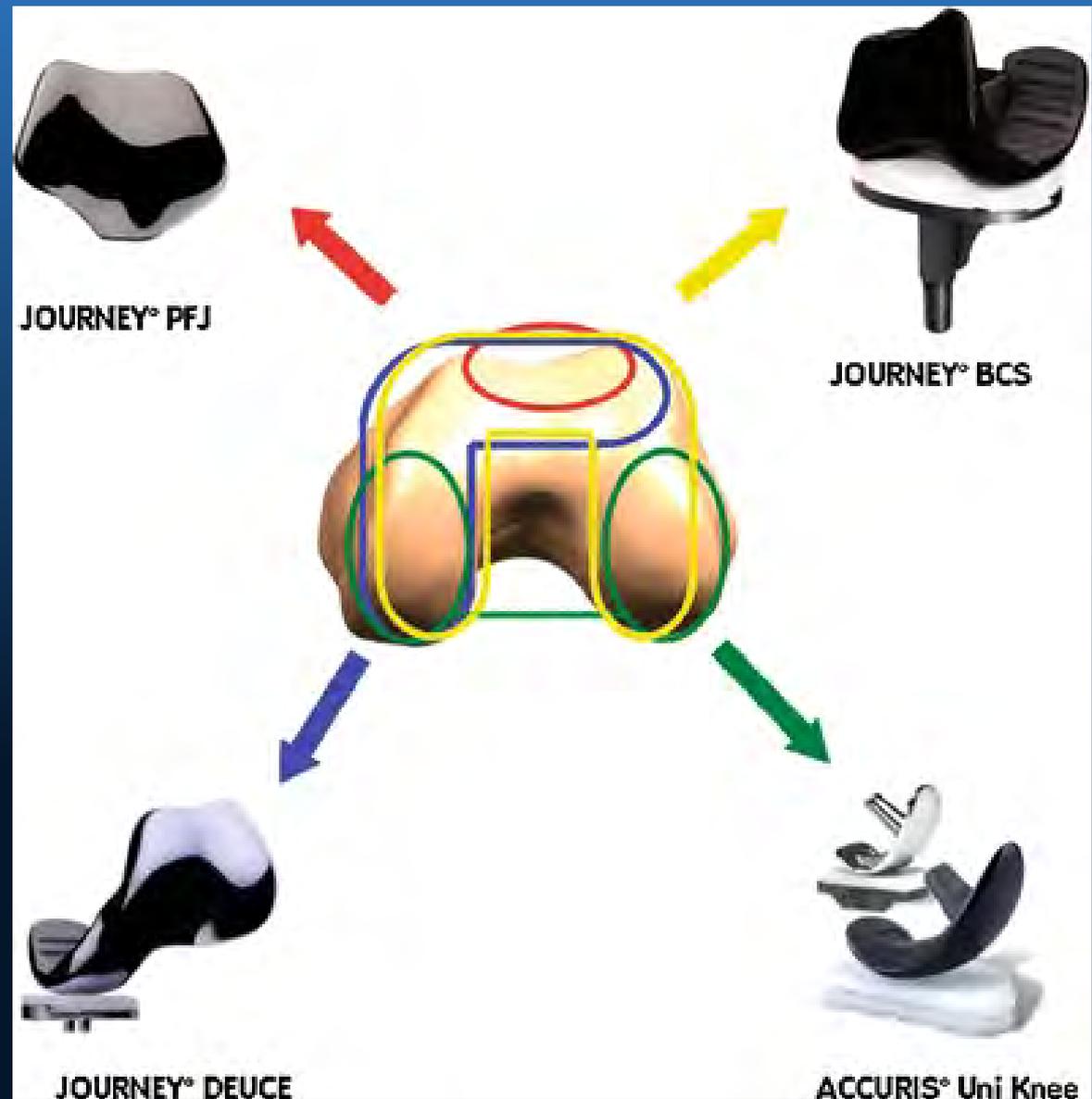
- (1) Minimal risks during and after surgery by avoiding fat embolism, reducing blood loss and minimizing soft tissue disruption;
- (2) Smaller incisions
- (3) Faster and less painful rehabilitation
- (4) Reduced hospital stay and faster return to normal activities of daily living
- (5) An improved range of motion
- (6) Less requirement for analgesics
- (7) A durable, well-aligned, highly functional knee

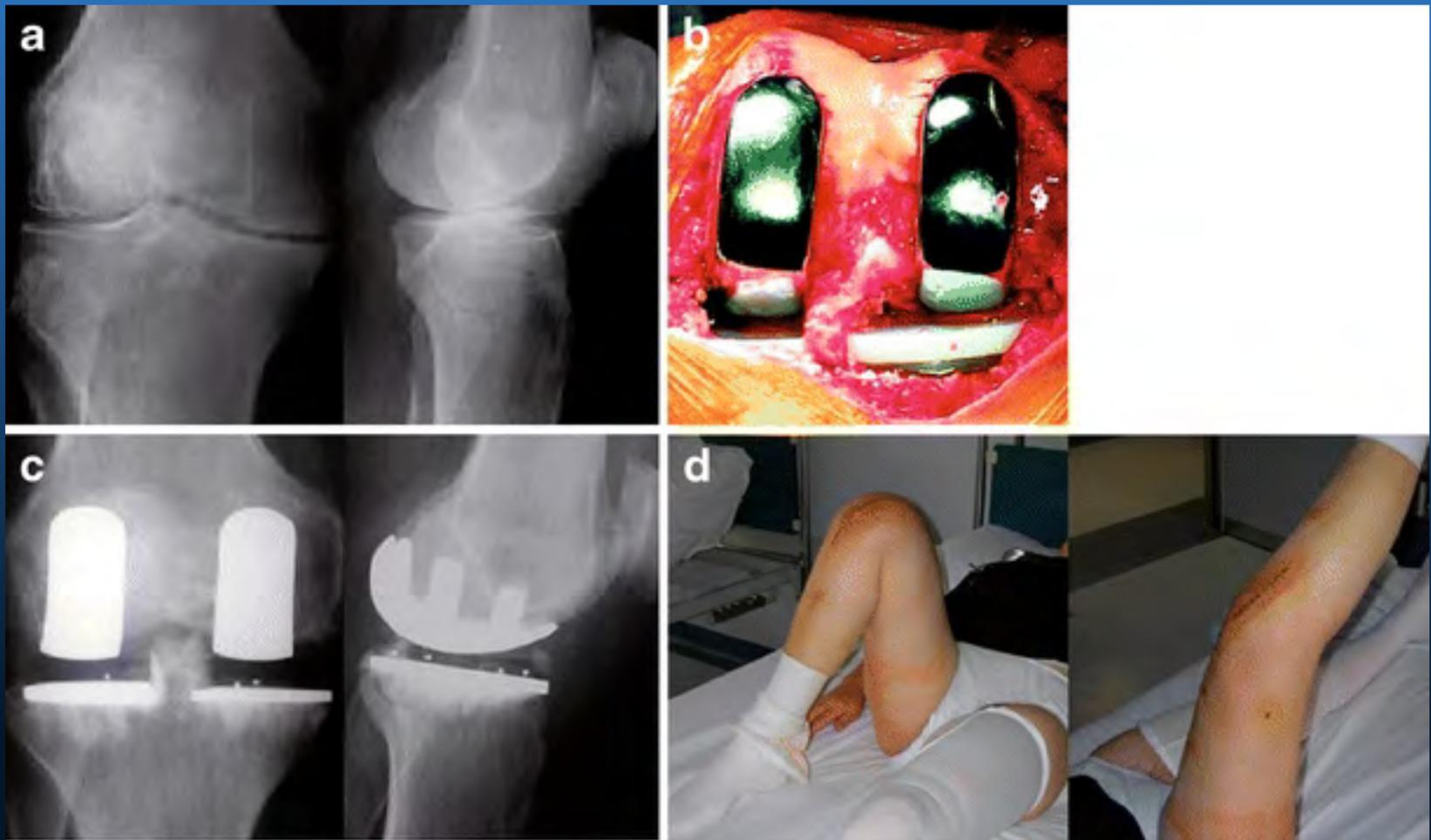
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- The anatomy of the knee is divided into three compartments:
 - The Inner Medial Femorotibial compartment
 - The Outer Lateral Femorotibial compartment
 - The Compartment that consists of the patella (kneecap) and the femur, the patellofemoral (PF) compartment.

~ Zanasi 2011

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Bi-unicompartmental knee replacement - Zanasi 2011

Different Types of Knee Replacement

– Unicompartmental Knee Replacement/Resurfacing (UKR)

- More difficult procedure than TKR
- UKR is thought to allow preservation of the uninvolved soft tissue and bone
- Reduced operating time
- Better post-operative range of motion
- Less pain
- Better stair-climbing ability
- Improved gait due to proprioceptivity maintenance
- Increased patient satisfaction than TKR

~ Zanasi 2011

Different Types of Knee Replacement

– With appropriate patient selection and careful surgical technique, UKR can provide the following advantages over TKR:

- (1) Smaller incision if a minimally invasive surgery (MIS) technique is used
- (2) Easier post-operative rehabilitation
- (3) Shorter hospital stay
- (4) Less blood loss
- (5) Lower risk of infection
- (6) Less joint stiffness
- (7) Lower risk of venous thromboembolism (VTE) due to non-invasion of the medullary space
- (8) Easier revision surgery, if required, at a later date

~ Zanasi 2011

How Can A Pain Relieving Exercise Program for Knee Replacement Help You?

- Improves knee movement
- Makes your muscles strong
- Controls pain
- Reduce your body weight
- Improves sleep
- Reduces swelling
- Prevents blood clots
- Prevents constipation



How Big of a Problem are Knee Replacements?

- First knee replacement was performed in 1968
- Each year, almost 44,000 surgical procedures are done in Ontario for arthritis and related disorders - Health Quality Ontario 2005
- TKR surgeries rose by 61.6% between 1994 and 1995 and 2001 and 2002 in Ontario - Health Quality Ontario 2005
- In terms of age, 40% of TKR surgeries were performed in patients aged 65 to 74 years, 8% were performed in patients younger than 55 years, and 3% were for patients older than 85 years. - Health Quality Ontario 2005

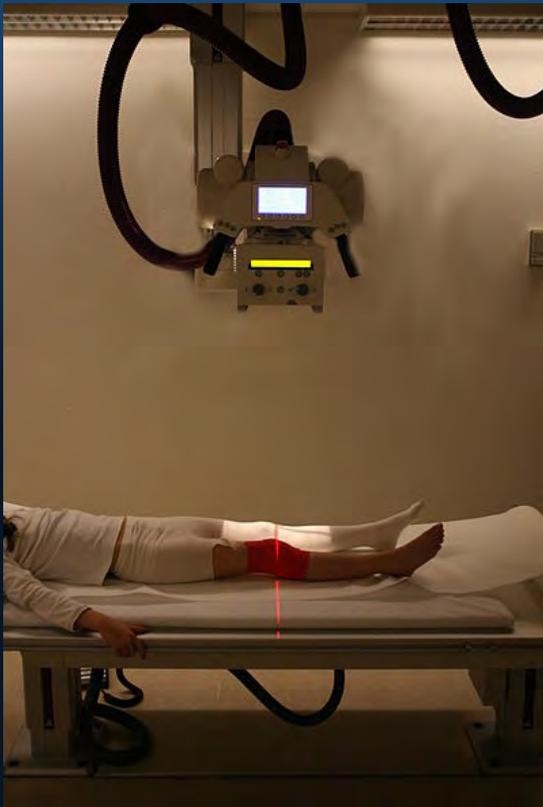
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- The primary diagnosis leading to TKR is degenerative osteoarthritis (93%). Other diagnoses are inflammatory arthritis (5%), post-traumatic osteoarthritis (2%), and osteonecrosis (when bone dies due to blocked blood supply; 1%) - Health Quality Ontario 2005
- More women than men undergo knee replacement and most patients are between 55 and 84 years old - Health Quality Ontario 2005

How Big of a Problem are Knee Replacements?

- "Total hip and knee replacement are two of the most common and successful elective surgeries performed in the United States each year." - Ritterman 2013
- 450,000 TKA a year are performed in the USA - Meier 2008
- Expected to double by 2020 - Meier 2008
- "Osteoarthritis (OA) is the largest source of physical disability in the United States" - Mizner 2005
- "The joint most commonly affected by OA is the knee." - Mizner 2005

What are the Symptoms of Knee Replacement?



- Progressive increase in pain
- Loss of function

Common Causes for a Knee Replacement

- Arthritis
- Damage of one to three areas:
 - medial femorotibial
 - lateral femorotibial
 - patellofemoral compartments
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Injury



Common Causes for a Knee Replacement

- All other pain relieving things have failed or are not effective any more
- Knee replacement works on reconstructing the surface to a pain free joint
- In 2003/04 in Ontario, about 75% of THipR surgeries and 90% of TKR surgeries were to relieve pain and functional impairment due to OA - Health Quality Ontario 2005

Common Causes for a Knee Replacement

- OA affects about 10% of Canadian adults - Health Quality Ontario 2005
- In 2003, Statistics Canada reported that 16.8% of the Canadian population over the age of 12 has arthritis - Health Quality Ontario 2005
- About 6% of Canadians aged 35 years and older have osteoarthritis of the knee - Health Quality Ontario 2005

What Else Could it Be?



– Nothing

Other Names for Knee Replacement?



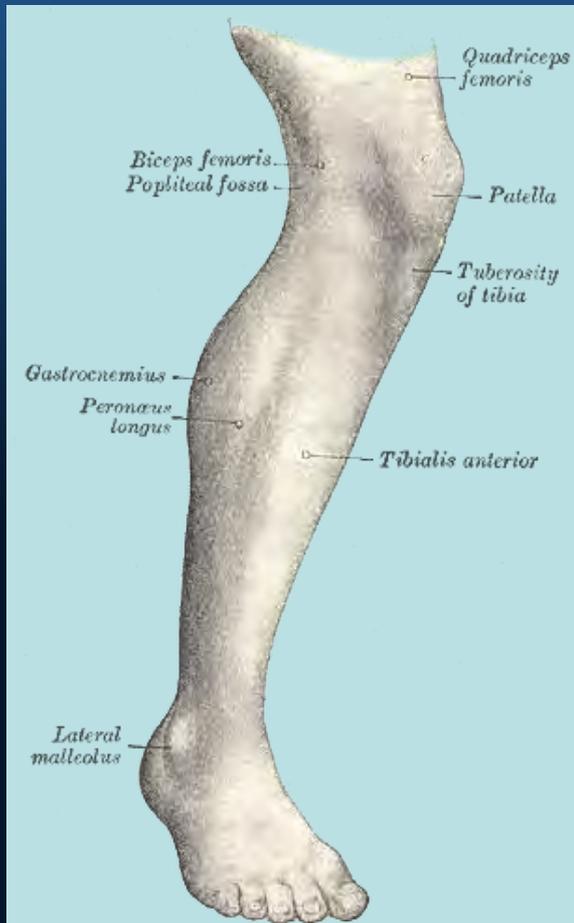
- Knee Replacement
- Total Knee Replacement (TKR)
- Knee Arthroplasty
- Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)

Key Structures Involved in Knee Replacement



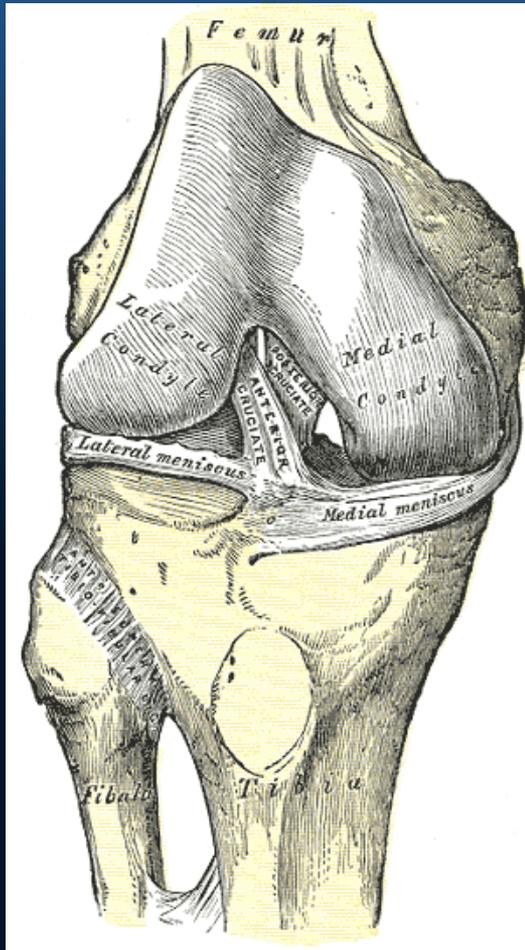
- Overall Structure
 - Knee

Key Structures Involved in Knee Replacement



- Key Area:
 - Knee joint
 - Largest joint in the body
 - Majority of the body weight is supported by the knee joint

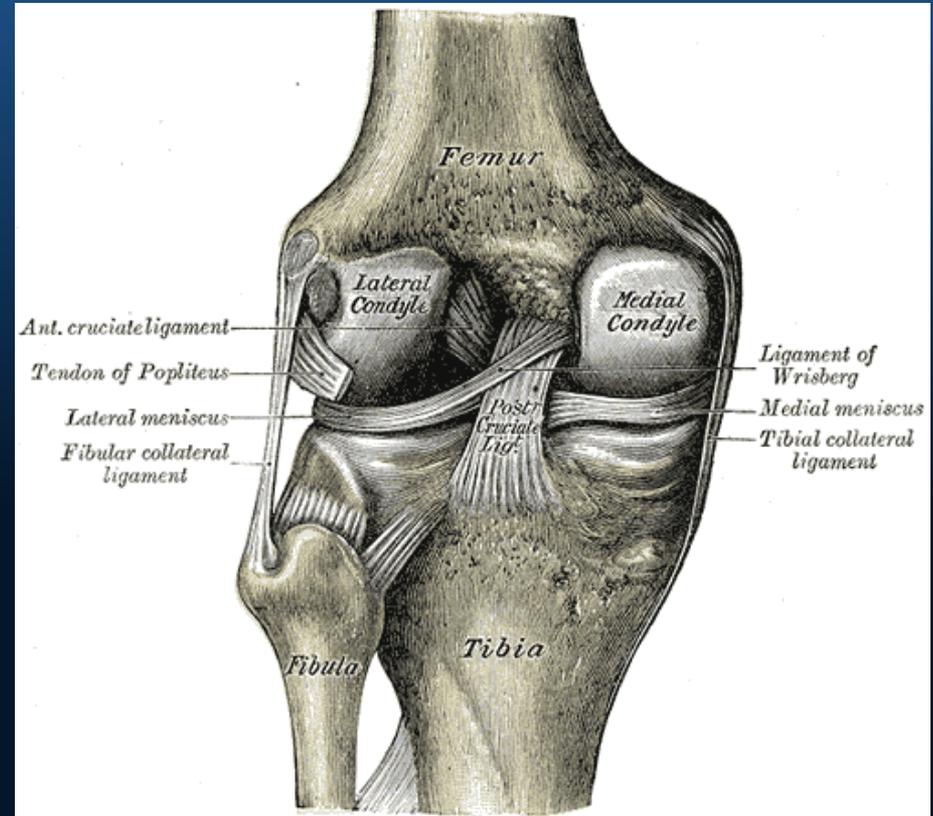
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- Key Area:
 - Medial femorotibial
 - Lateral femorotibial
 - Patellofemoral

Key Structures Involved in Knee Replacement

- Key Bones in the Knee Joint
 - Femur
 - Tibia
 - Fibula
 - Patella



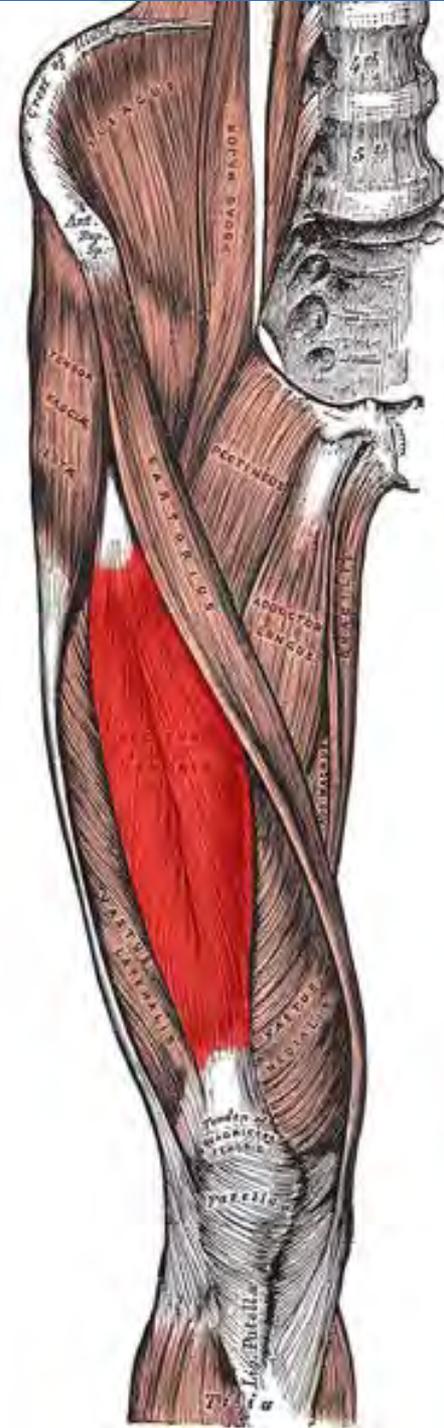
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- Covering Each of the Bones:
 - Cartilage

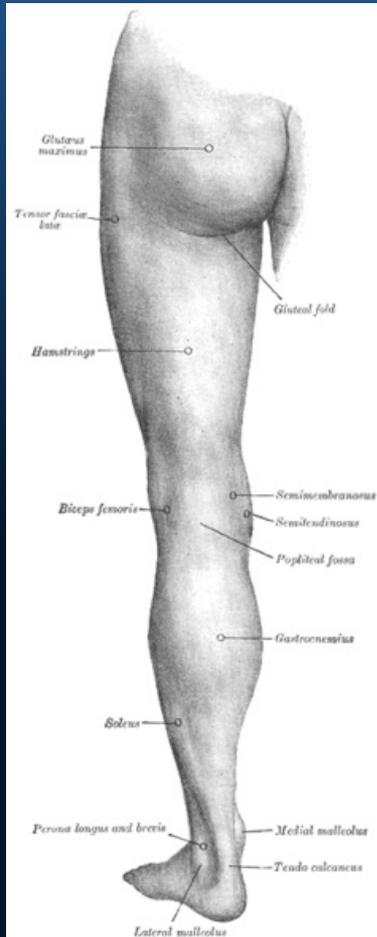


Key Structures Involved in Knee Replacement

- Key Muscles:
 - Quadriceps:
 - Rectus Femoris
 - Vastus Intermedius
 - Vastus Medialis
 - Vastus Lateralis



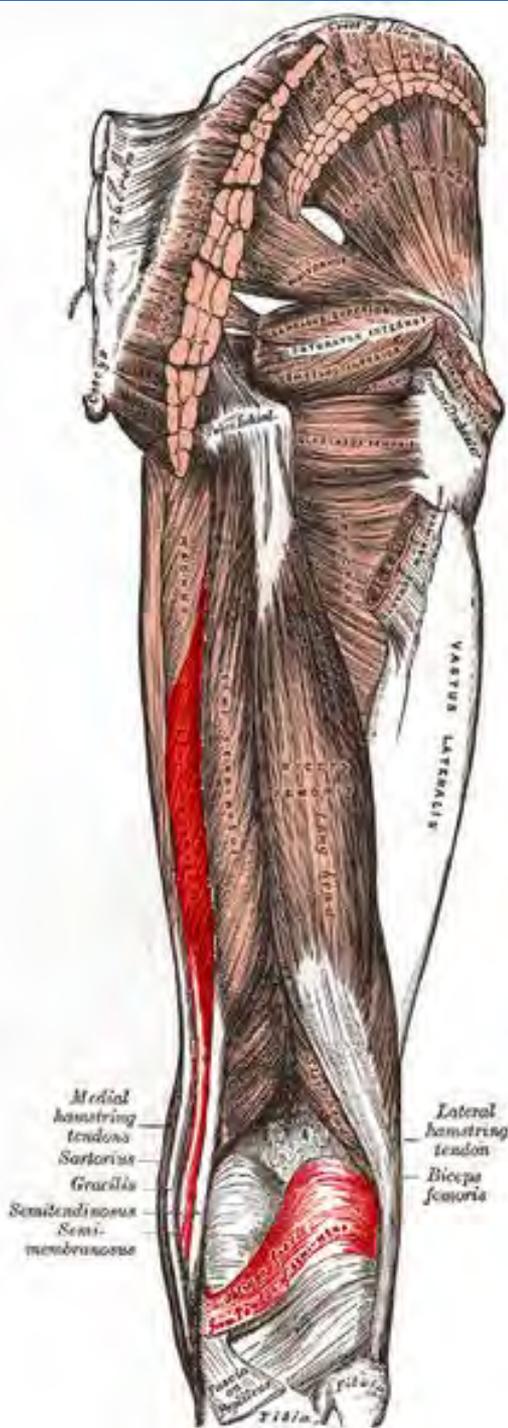
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- Key Muscles:
 - Hamstrings:
 - Semimembranosus
 - Semitendinosus
 - Biceps femoris

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What Can You Do About It?

- Weight Loss
- Physiotherapy
- Medication
- Continuous passive motion
- Play Wii Fit
- Exercise



Remember! (IMPORTANT)

1. Get things check out
2. Get an accurate diagnosis
 - Any medical investigations
3. Get clearance to start an exercise program
4. Bring this exercise program to your doctor to see if it is right for you



Part 2 – What Will Make Your Knee Replacement Pain Better or Worse

#1 - What Will Make Your Results Worse?

"Physical deconditioning, tobacco use, obesity and medical co-morbidities can adversely affect outcomes and should be addressed before any elective procedure."

~ Coudeyre 2007



#2 - Pre-Operative Rehabilitation

"Rehabilitation before total hip and knee arthroplasty contributes to reduced hospital length of and modifying discharge conditions."

~ *Ritterman 2013*



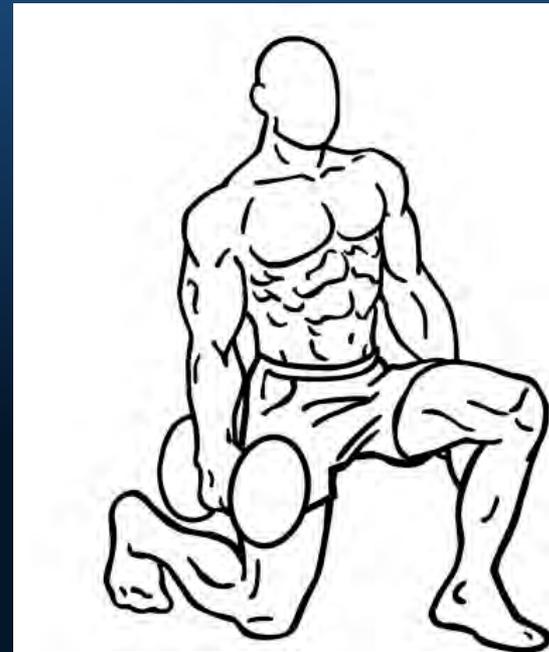
#3 – Focus on the Quads Before Surgery

"Pre-operative quadriceps exercise at least three weeks prior total knee replacement result in short-term benefit such as decreased pain, improved quadriceps strength and improved quality of life after elective TKA."

~ *Tungtrongjit 2012*

#4 - Core Stability

- Trunk Control



#5 - Balance Training

“Additional balance training exerted a significant beneficial effect on the function recovery and mobility outcome in patients with knee osteoarthritis after total knee replacement.”

~ *Liao 2013*

#6 - Hip Strengthening

- Total Hip Machine
- Tubing in All 6 Directions of the Hip
- Sitting and Squeeze Ball between Knees



#7 - Ankle Strengthening

- Standing Toe Lifts
- Calf Raises

#8 - Functional Movement

- Walking
- Squatting
- Lunging
- Stepping

#9 - Stretching

- Flexibility because muscles tighten up with pain and lack of use

#10 - Walking and Gait

- It is affected before and after by pain
- Walking forwards, backwards, side-to-side

#11 - Sleeping

- Put knee in a minimal stress position
- One to two pillows between knees

#12 - Focus on Activities of Low Stress

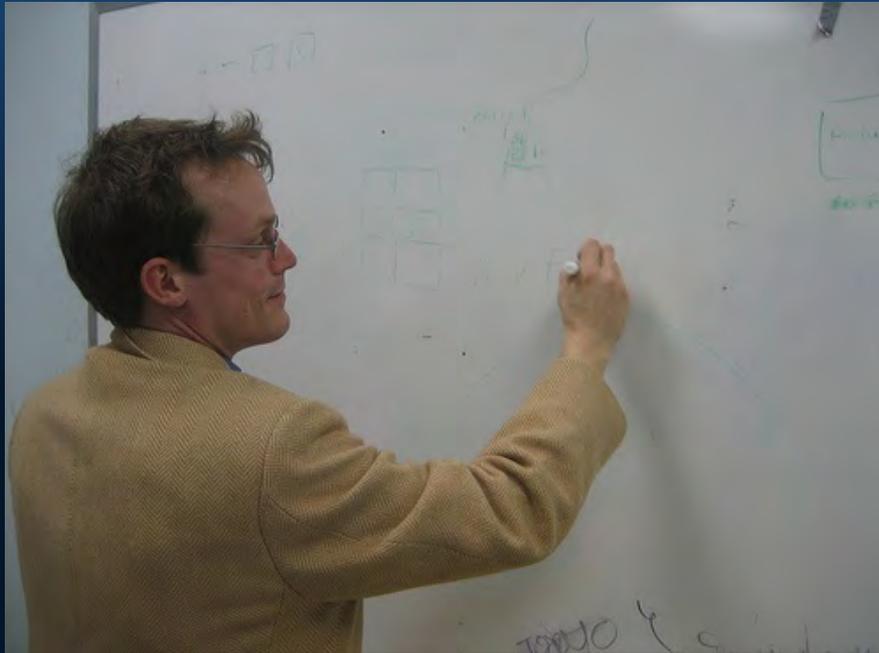
- swimming,
- water walking
- water running
- water aerobics
- cycling
 - bicycle
 - upright
 - recumbent



#13 - Other

- Be very careful how you get in and out of the exercises
- Do not keep your knee in one position for too long
- Do not kneel until your knee is fully healed
- Be cautious of any pivoting of the knee
- Exercises on the floor you can do them on your bed

Essential Components of an Exercise Program For Knee Replacement



- Education cont.

- What is a Knee Replacement?
- Why did I get it?
- What makes it worse?
- What to do about it?
- How to do the exercise program and exercises properly?

Knee Replacement Assessment

- Knee to Wall (1284)
 - Sitting with toe against wall, and move your knee towards the wall. Measure how far your knee is from the wall.
- Knee to Floor (1283)
 - Sitting and straighten your knee and measure how far your knee is off the ground.



Knee Replacement Exercise Program

- Goals of this Exercise Program:
 - Improve range of motion
 - Muscle strength especially quadriceps
 - Mobility of the joints
 - Decrease pain

Keys to Remember

- Follow your therapist, doctor and surgeon advice.
- The program does not replace seeing a physical therapist.
- It is recommended that you see a physical therapist before and after your surgery.
- It is recommended that you see a physical therapist for the first 6 to 8 weeks after your surgery.

Keys to Remember

- Use walking aids as per medical guidance
- Rest your knee when needed
- Pace yourself
- Use pain medication as prescribed
- If you use a bag of peas, do not eat them after you have used them

Part 3 – 3-Stage Pain Relieving Exercise Program for Knee Replacement

3-Stage Pain Relieving Exercise Program for Knee Replacement

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Step #1 - Cardiovascular	Stationary Bike	Rowing Machine	
Step #2 - Knee Extension	Tighten Quads on Back	Tighten Quads on Back with Heel on Towel Tighten Quads in Sitting	Tighten Quads in Standing
Step #3 - Ankle Mobility	Ankle Pumps on Back	Ankle Pumps in Sitting	Toe Raises in Sitting
Step #4 - Knee Flexion	Heel to Seat on Stomach	Heel to Seat on Back with Towel Heel to Seat in Sitting	Heel to Seat with Ball
Step #5 - Quad Strengthening	Leg Kicks on a Towel	Straight Leg Raises on Back Isometric Leg Extension in Sitting	Sitting Leg Kicks Sitting Towel Leg Press
Step #6 - Gluteus Maximus Strengthening	Seat Squeezes	Chair Lifts Bridging	Stair Step Up
Step #7 - Hamstring Strengthening	Heel Into Floor	Knee Bent Heel Into Floor Isometric Leg Curl in Sitting	Standing Heel to Seat

3-Stage Pain Relieving Exercise Program for Knee Replacement

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Step #8 - Transfer	Forward Transfer	Backward Transfer	Single Leg Balance
Step #9 - Ice	- 10 to 20 minutes - 2 to 6 times a day	- 10 to 20 minutes - 2 to 6 times a day	- 10 to 20 minutes - 2 to 6 times a day

Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #1 – Cardiovascular
 - Phase 1 - Stationary Bike
 - Phase 2 - Rowing Machine

 - *Perform this exercise for 5 minutes.*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #2 – Knee Extension
 - Phase 1 - Tighten Quads on Back (1246)
 - Phase 2 - Tighten Quads on Back with Heel on Towel (1247)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- **#2 – Knee Extension**
(cont.)
 - Phase 2 - Tighten Quads in Sitting (1248)
 - Phase 3 - Tighten Quads in Standing (1249)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- **#3 – Ankle Mobility**
 - Phase 1 - Ankle Pumps on Back (1250)
 - Phase 2 - Ankle Pumps in Sitting (1251)
 - Phase 3 - Toe Raises in Sitting (1252)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- **#4 – Knee Flexion**
 - Phase 1 - Heel to Seat on Stomach (1253)
 - Phase 2 - Heel to Seat on Back with Towel (1254)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #4 – Knee Flexion (cont.)

- Phase 2 - Heel to Seat in Sitting (1255)
- Phase 3 - Heel to Seat with Ball (1256)

- *1 set of 5 repetitions*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- **#5 – Quad Strengthening**
 - Phase 1 - Leg Kicks on a Towel (1257)
 - Phase 2 - Straight Leg Raises on Back (1258)
 - Phase 2 - Isometric Leg Extension in Sitting (1259)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #5 – Quad Strengthening (cont.)
 - Phase 3 - Sitting Leg Kicks (1260)
 - Phase 3 - Sitting Towel Leg Press (1270)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #6 – Gluteus Maximus Strengthening
 - Phase 1 - Seat Squeezes (1271)
 - *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*
 - Phase 2 - Chair Lifts (1272)
 - *1 set of 5 repetitions*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #6 – Gluteus Maximus Strengthening (cont.)
 - Phase 2 - Bridging (1274)
 - Phase 3 - Stair Step Up (1273)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- **#7 – Hamstring Strengthening**
 - Phase 1 - Heel Into Floor (1275)
 - Phase 2 - Knee Bent Heel Into Floor (1276)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #7 – Hamstring Strengthening (cont.)
 - Phase 2 - Isometric Leg Curl in Sitting (1277)
 - Phase 3 - Standing Heel to Seat (1278)
- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*

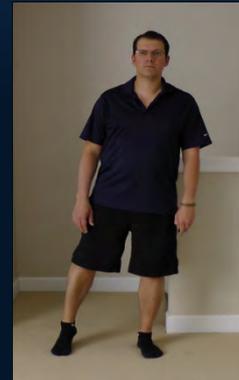
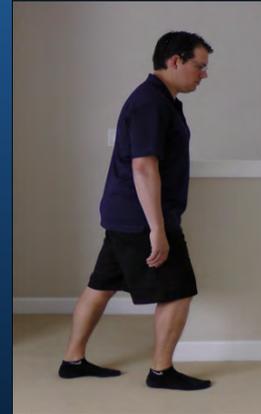


Exercise Rehabilitation Program

- #8 – Transfer

- Phase 1 - Forward Transfer (1279)
- Phase 2 - Backward Transfer (1280)
- Phase 2 - Side Transfer (1281)
- Phase 3 - Single Leg Balance (1282)

- *1 set of 5 repetitions with each held for 2 seconds*



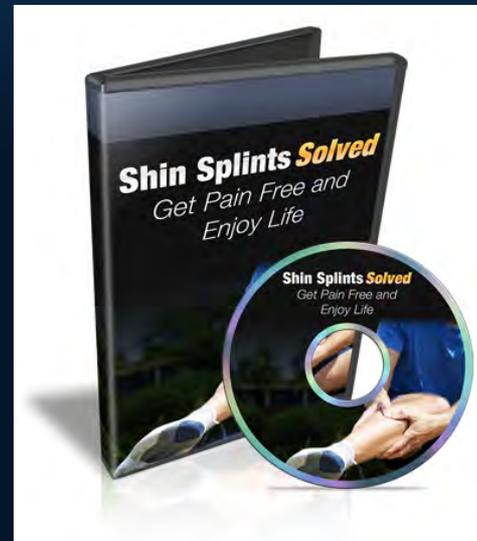
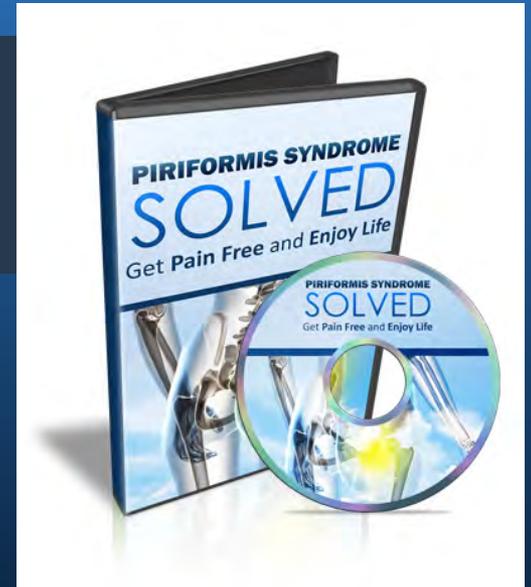
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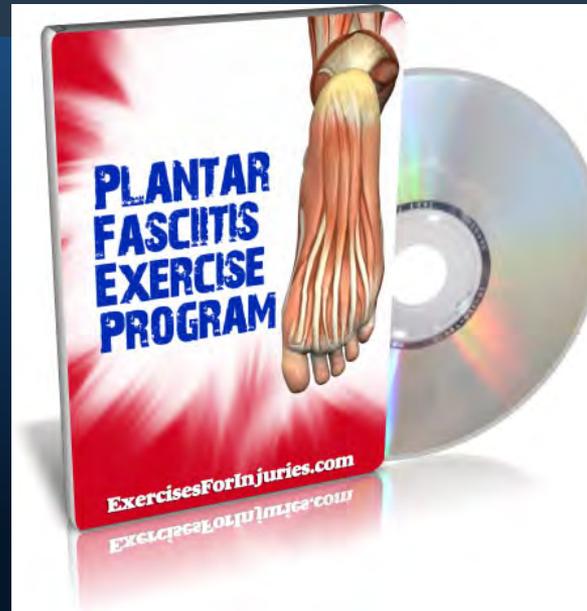
Other Injuries

- Iliotibial Band Syndrome (IT Band)
- Shin Splints
- Piriformis Syndrome
- Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome
- Meniscus Tear
- Sacroiliac Pain
- What to do When a Low Back Flare Up Hits

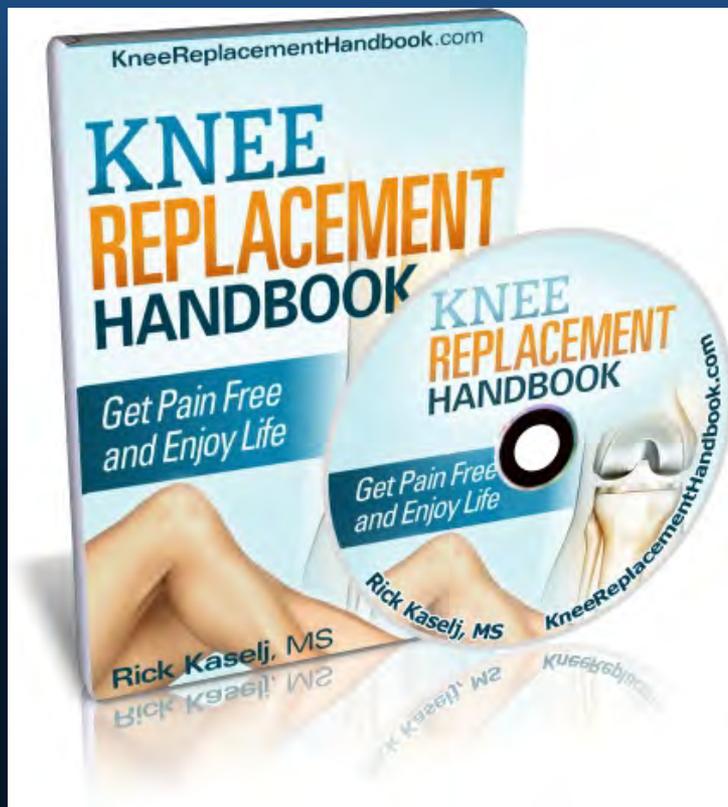


Other Injuries

- Plantar Fasciitis
- Lumbar Fusion
- Achilles Tendinitis
- Jumper's Knee
- Tennis Elbow
- Recovery Workouts
- Ankle Sprain



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Recommended Resource

- Hip Replacement Handbook

Recommended Resource

- Best Gluteus Maximus Exercises
<http://BestGluteusMaximusExercises.com>

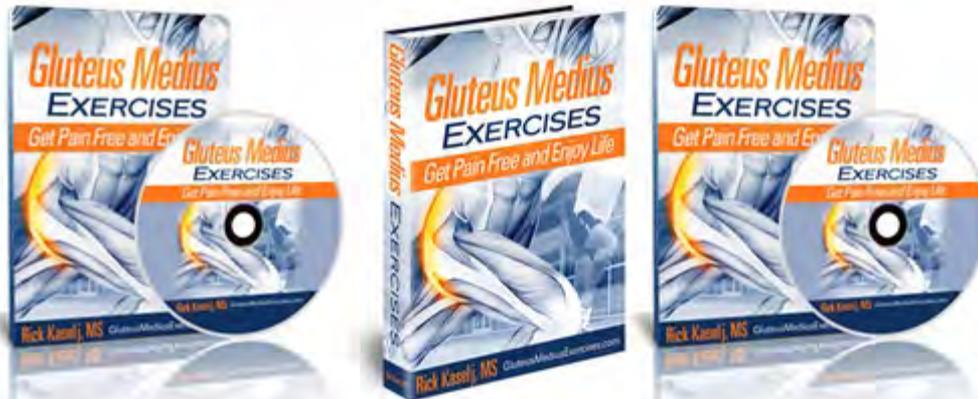
Your Gluteus Maximus Exercises:



Recommended Resource

- Gluteus Medius Exercises
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Your Gluteus Medius Exercise Program:



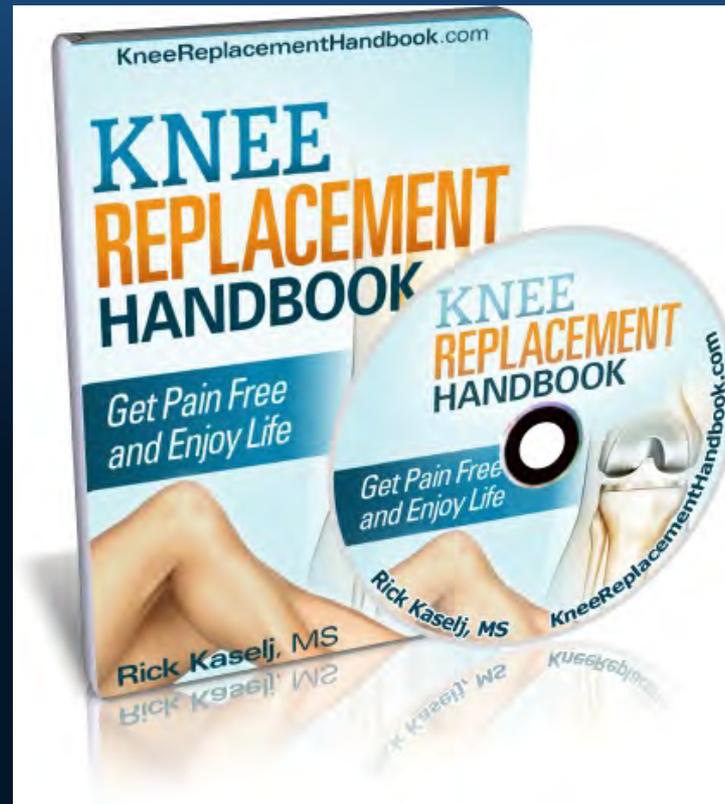
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 - Returning the Shoulder Back to Optimal Function Seminar
 - Exercise Modification for the Sensitive Shoulder Seminar
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Other Recommended Resources:

- Scapular Stabilization Exercises – ScapularStabilizationExercises.com



Other Recommended Resources:

- Fix My Shoulder Pain –
FixMyShoulderPain.net



Other Recommended Resources:

- Neck Pain Solved – NeckPainSolved.com

