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Learn more about Arthrosurface's patellofemoral solutions

A Patient's Introduction to Knee Solutions



Our Patients Move Freely

The active alternative to a total knee replacement

Have you been told that you may need a total knee replacement? Did you know that artificial joints can limit a person's range of motion and ability to perform daily tasks? Or that they also restrict physical activities such as cycling, martial arts, and weightlifting?

Unlike a traditional total knee replacement, the Arthrosurface[®] joint restoration systems can allow you to resume full activity by preserving the natural anatomy of your joint. Consisting of a cap and screw that allow the surgeon to restore only the damaged area of the joint without removing excessive bone and tissue, the Arthrosurface PF Wave® implants preserve your natural anatomy and enable you to resume an active lifestyle without pain.

Find out if the Arthrosurface PF Wave is right for you!





Knees and Arthritis

What parts of the knee can develop arthritis?

Arthritis commonly occurs in two areas:

- Where the joints in your knee meet, known as the condyles (the end of your thigh bone)
- In the area behind the kneecap (patellofemoral joint)

If you have pain in your knee when getting up from a chair or going up and down stairs, you may have damage in your kneecap. If your knee hurts after standing or long walks, then it may point to a problem in one of the condyles.

Can arthritis get worse?

Any event, continued malalignment or disease process (i.e. inflammation) that injures the cartilage may cause joint damage or arthritis. A minor cartilage injury may become larger and lead to widespread cartilage loss or degenerative joint disease over time.





Arthrosurface Patellofemoral Implant



Arthrosurface patellofemoral joint

restorationis performed with the PF Wave® implant, a technologically advanced system designed to match the shape and contour of the individual patient's cartilage surface. The implant consists of a cap and screw that lock together via morse taper.

- The cap is a contoured surface that restores the area of damaged cartilage and is designed to protect the remaining healthy cartilage in the joint with minimal bone removal.
- The Arthrosurface system not only matches the diameter of the damaged area, but also the precise radius of both curvatures on the patient's joint surface, superior to inferior (top to bottom) and medial to lateral (side to side).
- Once the mapping points are defined, the appropriate implant is chosen and placed into the patient's joint.
- Different diameters and curvatures are available to provide a proper fit for each individual patient.

The PF Wave system is ideally suited to treat patients with localized or early arthritis, and has been a stable construct with almost no reported loosening over the last 12 years.

Total knee replacement



Traditional total knee replacement is major surgery designed to relieve the pain of widespread arthritis. It removes all cartilage in the knee, a significant amount of bone, ligaments, usually the ACL, PCL, and both menisci. Because this is an artificial joint, your motion will no longer be normal and activities will be severely limited, especially any type of pivot, squatting, or kneeling.

- While total joint replacements may be a reliable end stage procedure, published data shows that 1 in 5 patients continue to be dissatisfied with their outcomes.
- Total joint replacements were originally indicated for patients over 65 years old who had a sedentary lifestyle.
- In younger patients, total joint replacements have a lifespan of approximately 10-12 years.
- A knee replacement can take up to six months or longer of rehabilitation and the return to an active lifestyle may be permanently compromised.





How is the PF Wave[®] different than other existing devices?

Unlike onlay patellofemoral replacements or a traditional total knee replacement, the PF Wave:

- Is custom matched and fit to the patient's joint size and shape
- Provides a stable implant via screw fixation
- Requires removing significantly less cartilage and bone compared to traditional joint replacements
- Is placed into the surface rather than on top, leaving the joint less surgically altered
- Preserves joint motion and natural anatomy of the knee so no bridges are burned
- · May be performed on an outpatient basis

How long will the PF Wave implant last?

Your surgeon expects the devices to last as long as similar devices, but it will depend on your general health, activity level, and adherence to your doctor's orders following surgery.





What happens if my PF Wave fails?

If your PF Wave® ever fails, it may be replaced with a traditional total joint replacement.

Does the PF Wave "burn any bridges"?

There is minimal bone removed with the PF Wave because, unlike existing joint replacements, it does not require not surgically removing the entire bone surface on both sides of the joint. Removing the entire bone surface on both sides of the joint leaves less of the natural bone to work with if future surgery is required.

Will I feel the device?

No. The implant is surgically placed so that there are no protruding edges. The bone and the implant become a smooth surface that cannot be felt.

How long will I be out of work?

This will depend on your overall health, range of motion, and the type of work you do. Many patients have experienced a rapid return to daily activities. However, as with all medical treatments, individual results may vary.

What type of physical therapy will I need to do?

Your doctor and therapist will design a rehabilitation protocol to return strength to your muscles so you can resume your original lifestyle as quickly as possible. Patients are encouraged to walk and move around immediately to prevent the buildup of scar tissue, and rehab is usually measured in weeks rather than months.

The PF Wave leaves more bone intact, providing more options should future surgery be required.

Questions to ask your doctor during your visit

- Will my joint feel normal and move naturally after I have the surgery?
- Will you remove my ACL?
- Is my cartilage damage localized?
- Is the alignment of my joint close to normal?
- Is my joint unstable?
- Do I have any joint space remaining?
- How long will I be hospitalized?
- Can the procedure be performed on an outpatient basis?
- Will the recovery take weeks or months?
- Can I go back to all my previous sports and activities?

Are you a candidate for the PF Wave?

- You are aged 35 to 75 years old
- · You want to regain your active lifestyle
- You have had a marrow stimulation treatment or injections, but the pain has returned
- You cannot afford lengthy rehabilitation time or excessive time off work
- You want to fix your knee problem now versus waiting for your knee to undergo further damage
- Your surgeon has told you that you will need a knee replacement in the future



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Actual Patient

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A patient's story

"I was training for a half ironman when my knee just locked up."

After severly injuring her knee, Letia initially elected for an osteotomy with a lateral release and ACI (Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation). Not only did these surgeries fail but she was also burdened with severe complications from the procedure, including an infection from the hospital.

Very discouraged by the failed surgery and the many complications she endured, Letia decided to make an appointment with Dr. Brian Mckeon at New England Baptist Hospital.

After exploring all of her options with Dr. McKeon, they elected to move forward with the Arthrosurface PF Wave[®] HemiCAP[®] procedure.

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Just 6 months after surgery, Letia was back leading the active life she loves.

– Letia, PF Wave, 2014



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