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Risks and Benefits of

Partial Knee Arthroplasty

Today, you and Dr. Bohnenkamp discussed the possibility of having a partial knee replacement (arthroplasty). This is a surgical procedure, and there are risks of complications associated with any surgical procedure.

Possible Complications of a Uni Knee Replacement (arthroplasty)

Extensor mechanism disruption or fracture
Wound healing complications
Arthrofibrosis (joint stiffness, which may require a manipulation)
Instability
Loosening
Limb length discrepancies
Malrotation
Malpositioning
Patella maltracking
Effusions

Persistent pain and dissatisfaction and mobility dysfunction (especially if history of chronic pain, depression, fibromyalgia, or other chronic pain conditions)

Failure and limitation of the procedure, which could lead to future surgeries

Difficulty kneeling

Sensory skin changes or dysfunction

Unsightly scarring

Prolonged swelling

Spasms and peri-articular tendonitis

Prosthetic noise generation

Possible Complications of Surgery

Complications with anesthesia
Heart attack
Cardiac arrest
Blood clot in the leg or lung
Stroke
Post-op ileus or bowel obstruction
Delirium and confusion
Excess bleeding requiring blood transfusions
Problems associated with prolonged positioning under anesthesia
Decubiti (pressure sores)

Post-op pneumonia
Atelectasis (fluid in the lungs)
Skin infection
Urinary tract infection
Neurovascular injury of the operative and non-operative limbs
Amputation
Infection
Wound healing complications, especially if you smoke

There is a 10% chance that within 10 years, a partial knee replacement will need to be converted to a total knee replacement.

Death

These complications are rare and even less likely in Dr. Bohnenkamp's hands. These problems can and do occur without negligence. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns prior to scheduling surgery, please don't hesitate to contact our office.



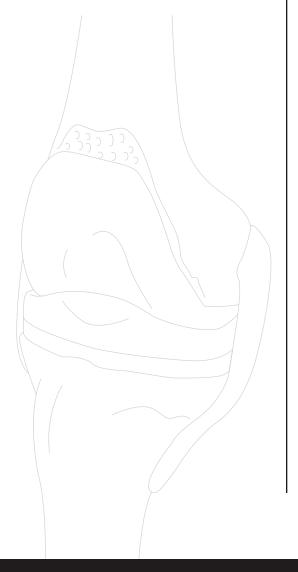
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The benefits of this procedure are to eliminate the arthritis pain and restore motion to the joint while leaving the non-arthritic compartments of the knee unchanged.