

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_

Below we have outlined a list of risks that are commonly associated with knee replacement surgery. We ask that you review it carefully and sign on the bottom to acknowledge that you understand each point. If you have any questions about these or other risks, please feel free to ask Dr. Gross or call his nurse, Lee Webb, at 803-256-4107.

This list is not a complete or exhaustive list, but rather an attempt to inform you of the *most common* problems that arise with this type of surgery.

If you have a significant medical condition such as heart disease, diabetes, circulatory or respiratory problems, etc...or are having revision surgery, all of these risks may significantly increase. You should consult your medical doctor or cardiologist about your medical condition and your medical risks before any major surgery.

**Risks of knee replacement surgery include, but are not limited to:**

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Death
- Blood clots (despite the use of preventive blood thinners) (10%)
- Pulmonary embolus (blood clot traveling to lungs) (1%)
- Excessive stiffness / loss of motion (less than 1%)
- Infection (less than \_%)
- Instability (“wobbly knee”) (less than 1%)
- Patellar complication (failure of the bone in the kneecap) (less than 1%)
- Nerve injury (less than \_%)
- Premature cement failure (1%)
- Failure of bone ingrowth of the implants (1%)
- Development of progressive arthritis in the unreplaced compartments of the knee (for partial knee replacement surgeries) (2%)

**Unexpected reactions to anesthesia include, but are not limited to:**

- Allergy to a drug or drugs used
- Nerve injury
- Death

The overall success rate of knee replacement surgeries is greater than 95%, with patients indicating decreased pain and better function after surgery. For revision surgeries, the overall success rate is 80%.

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