

New Knee Replacement Winning Patient Approval

(NAPSA)—For many patients with severely degenerated joints, total knee replacement surgery is the only option—but until recently, the replacement resulted in limitations of its own.

Fortunately, new technology in knee replacement offers promising results. For example, the ADVANCE® Medial-Pivot Knee from Wright Medical Technology, Arlington, Tenn., provides more normal bending, and restores stability thanks to a patented “ball in socket” joint design. More than 80 percent of patients surveyed noted an improvement in movement and more rapid recovery versus traditional knee replacement products.

Traditionally, the two primary outcomes of total knee replacement have been restored function and pain relief. In some cases, the replacement knee functioned very differently than the original joint.

The patented design of the ADVANCE® Medial-Pivot Knee mimics the body’s natural ability to twist and bend the knee, more closely simulating natural movement.

Ten surgeons performed bilateral total knee surgery on patients on whom an ADVANCE® Medial-Pivot Knee was implanted on one side, after a traditional total knee design had been implanted in the other. When later surveyed, the majority of patients preferred the ADVANCE Medial-Pivot Total Knee, saying that it provided more stability, easier, more natural motion and that they experienced a quicker rehabilitation.

The knee, a complex joint that allows for simple motion, is one of the most active parts of our anatomy. Problems begin when the protective layer of the bone, the cartilage, begins to degenerate,



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causing pain when performing routine activities, such as walking.

When determining whether or not to have knee surgery, Wright Medical Technology recommends discussing these factors with your physician:

- The degree to which your physician believes a total knee replacement can improve knee function.
- Whether your age and physical condition (other than the knee) makes you a good candidate for a successful surgery.
- The likelihood that the joint will need to be replaced again at a later date, based on your age and activity level.

Once you’ve made those determinations with your physician, ask about the availability of the ADVANCE® Medial-Pivot Knee. Patients or their families are encouraged to visit www.wmt.com/patients/knee for further information.