

# How the Kaiser Permanente National Joint Replacement Registry Benefits You



When you decide to have knee or hip replacement surgery (also called joint replacement surgery), you want to be sure it's as safe as possible. At Kaiser Permanente our orthopedic surgeons maintain the highest standards for quality of care before, during, and after your joint replacement surgery.

The Kaiser Permanente National Joint Replacement Registry was created to study newer technologies used in joint replacement and to evaluate your quality of life before and after surgery. This information is used to help you and other patients who are thinking about joint replacement surgery.

Here's how the Kaiser Permanente National Joint Replacement Registry benefits you:

## Technology

By keeping track of new joint replacement technologies and how well they work, it's easier to figure out which implant is right for you. By collecting and analyzing this information for all Kaiser Permanente patients, we can better answer your questions, address your concerns, and give you the latest facts on your surgery and your implant.

## Quality

Data from the national registry helps us predict your risk for complications, such as infection, joint instability, stiffness, and pain after surgery. By understanding your risks, we're better able to manage your care before and after surgery to decrease the chance of complications, and increase our ability to improve your quality of life.

## Safety

In rare cases when joint replacements are recalled from the implant company or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the registry allows us to instantly identify all the patients who may be affected. This lets us quickly and accurately connect your surgeon with the implant company and the FDA in case something needs to be done.

The care you receive from Kaiser Permanente is important to us. If you have any questions, or want to know how Kaiser Permanente members with hip and knee replacements are followed by the registry, contact your orthopedic surgeon or visit [kp.org/registry](http://kp.org/registry).

