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Re: Total Knee and Hip Replacement Study

We have reviewed the reports of details on cases with deep joint infection or device problems and details on readmissions within 30 days of discharge.

All 5 cases show that the readmissions were not due to infection or postoperative complications of the devices. Attached is our report of why the patients were readmitted.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to review the readmits and provide our comments before the report was published. If you feel further information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jan E. Fisher, President and CEO

Case #1	Hip	Right Total Hip Replacement. Discharged to Nursing Home Patient fell out of bed and dislocated hip prosthesis. Discharged to Nursing Home
Case #2	Knee	Left Total Knee Replacement. Discharged to home with visiting nurse. Cellulitis secondary to Coumadin which was discontinued. Discharged to home
Case #3	Knee	Right Total Knee Replacement discharged to Nursing Home ER visit, injured her knee coming down the stairs. Had revision of femoral compartment, replacement articulating surface left knee. Discharged to home
Case #4	Knee	Right Total Knee Replacement Hematoma status/post TKR Superficial infection along skin edges, Staph Epi.
Case #5	Hip	Left Total Hip Arthroplasty Septecemia was of a sacral decubitus.