

# Total Knee Replacement

The knee joint consists of three parts: the lower end of the thigh bone (femur), the upper end of the shin bone (tibia) and the kneecap (patella). In a total knee replacement procedure, all three damaged parts are removed and replaced with various artificial (e.g., metal or plastic) components or implants.

## Table Notes

**Number of Cases** represents all inpatient hospitalizations, after exclusions, for patients 18 years and older who underwent a total knee replacement.

**Complication** represents patients who 1) developed a complication or died during the hospital stay in which the procedure was performed or 2) developed a complication that led to a readmission (within 7, 30 or 90 days depending on the complication), where the complication was the principal reason for the readmission.

**Extended Postoperative Length of Stay** represents patients whose length of stay in the hospital following a total knee replacement was significantly longer than expected, after accounting for patient risk.

**Average Hospital Charge** represents the entire length of stay and is trimmed and case-mix adjusted. Professional fees were not included. In almost all cases, hospitals typically receive actual payments from private insurers or government payers that are considerably less than the listed charge.

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## Understanding the Symbols

The symbols displayed in this report represent a comparison of actual *complication* and *extended postoperative length of stay* rates to what is expected, after accounting for patient risk.

Using complication as an example:

- Rate was significantly lower than expected.** Fewer patients experienced a complication than could be attributed to patient risk and random variation.
- Rate was not significantly different than expected.** The number of patients who experienced a complication was within the range anticipated based on patient risk and random variation.
- Rate was significantly higher than expected.** More patients experienced a complication than could be attributed to patient risk and random variation.

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