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Revision Knee Replacement Assessment

Patient information for concerns after previous knee replacement

Revision knee assessment is for people with pain, swelling, stiffness, instability, change in walking confidence or other concerns after previous knee replacement surgery.

Revision surgery is not always required. Assessment may involve staged investigations and review of prior operation records before any treatment plan is considered.

> This information is general only and does not replace personalised medical advice. Your assessment, treatment options and recovery plan may differ. Andy Thompson's clinic is not an urgent or emergency service. For medical emergencies, call 111.

What assessment may cover

- Current symptoms, timing, previous recovery and any change in function.
- Examination of movement, swelling, alignment, stability and walking pattern.
- Review of X-rays, scans, blood tests or other investigations where needed.
- Consideration of non-operative advice, monitoring, further imaging or surgery where clinically appropriate.

Information that is especially helpful

- Previous operation notes and implant details, if available.
- Earlier X-rays or scans for comparison with current imaging.
- Details of infections, wound problems, fractures or further procedures after the original operation.
- A current medication list, allergies and relevant medical conditions.

If revision surgery is discussed

- Revision surgery can be more complex than first-time knee replacement.
- Planning may require further tests and careful discussion of risks, expected recovery and limitations.
- The decision depends on the likely cause of symptoms, implant status, general health and goals.
- Sometimes monitoring, rehabilitation or treatment of another cause is more appropriate than revision surgery.

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