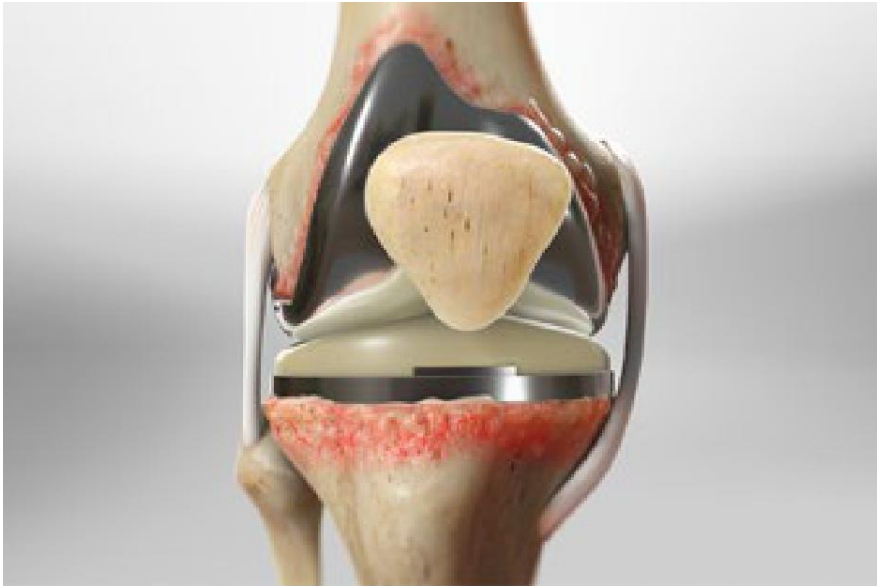




Revision Total Knee Replacement



Overview

Over time, a knee replacement may show signs of wear and tear. When this happens, your doctor can offer revision surgery. It replaces the worn out parts with new ones.

Preparation

To begin, you are put to sleep. The surgeon makes an incision in your knee to reach the joint. Your patella (the kneecap) is moved aside so the surgeon can look for problems with your bones and soft tissues. Loose or worn knee implants are taken out, and your bones are prepared for the new implants.

Revision

If your bones are badly damaged, your surgeon will strengthen them. Next, the new implants are put into your knee.

Testing

Then the new joint is tested to make sure the parts fit together perfectly. Your new knee will support your weight and glide smoothly as you walk. Finally, your incision is closed and bandaged.

End of procedure

After the surgery, you are watched in a recovery room as you wake up. Your surgeon will tell you when you can go home. Follow your surgeon's advice for a safe recovery.