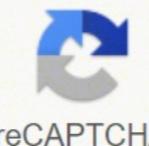


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**ABSTRACT**  
**Background:** Total knee replacement is a surgical procedure, which consists mainly of replacing the damaged knee joint with a new artificial one. This procedure is done in two hours approximately. It is considered as the last treatment for patients who have degenerative changes.  
**Method:** In this study, we used a cross sectional retrospective chart review to evaluate the outcome of patients who underwent total knee replacement. The aim of this study is to describe the complications of total knee replacement, and to identify the pattern of these complications in our population.  
**Results:** We reviewed 778 patients with a total of 949 total knee replacements. Among these patients, unilateral total knee replacements were done in most of them with almost equal number in right ( $n=303$ , 39%) compared to the left ( $n=303$ , 39%) and less often bilateral ( $n=171$ , 22%). Urinary tract infections ( $n=27$ , 3.5%) got highest rate among other complications followed by surgical site infections ( $n=25$ , 3.2%). Hypertension is the common comorbidity ( $n=47$ , 7.3%). Patients with hypertension were significantly at higher risk of developing perioperative urinary tract infection. We found that all total knee replacement post-operative complication increase with proportionally with BMI.  
**Conclusion:** This study will provide the entire health care system with adequate information regarding their patients of the rate of each complication and it how can be dealt with in a cost efficient way correlating with health care in general.

**Keywords:** Total knee replacement, Complications, Saudi Arabia**INTRODUCTION**  
Total knee replacement is a surgical procedure, which consists mainly of replacing the damaged knee joint with a new artificial one. This procedure is done in two hours approximately [1,2,3]. Surgeons started performing the

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**ABSTRACT**

The PFC Sigma Cobalt Chrome (PFCSCC) was introduced in 2006, and represents further development of the PFC Sigma design aiming at reducing the problem of backside wear. To ensure that there were no significant early failures following the introduction of this knee system to our hospital in 2006, we prospectively identified all patients undergoing TKA with the PFCSCC over a one-year period. Clinical and demographic patient data, American Knee Society scores, Oxford Knee scores, SF-12 scores and radiographic data were recorded pre-operatively and at three-year post surgery. 233 patients underwent 249 primary knee arthroplasties with the PFCSCC. Seven patients (eight TKAs) died before the last review and eight cases were lost to follow up. Mean age was 66.7 (range 34 - 80) with 47.6% male. Mean follow-up days were 1109 (range 741 to 1591). 5 (2.2%) were revised for infection with 1 revised for pain. The 3-year survival rate was 97.6% and 99.6% for aseptic failure. AKS 46.2 (0 - 95) was preoperatively 88.3 (17 - 100) with 3 years  $P < 0.001$ . OKS 39.0 (22 - 53) was preoperatively 22.6 (12 - 53) with 3 years  $P < 0.001$ . 17 of the 219 who had x-rays (8%) had radiolucent zones on x-ray. Our results demonstrate a good early aseptic survivorship of the PFCSCC at three years of 99.6%, combined with a good functional and objective improvement in our patients in three years.

**KEYWORDS****Arthroplasty; Knee; Outcomes****1. Introduction**

Total knee arthroplasty is well established for relieving pain and improving function. The Press Fit Condylar (PFC) Sigma total knee arthroplasty (TKA) (Depuy, Johnson & Johnson) is the most widely implanted knee prosthesis in England and Wales, and accounts for 36% of all the TKAs performed in 2009 [1]. The PFC Sigma Cobalt Chrome (PFCSCC) TKA was introduced in 2006 and represents a design modification based upon the PFC Sigma.

The tibial tray for the PFCSCC TKA is made of a cobalt chrome alloy, whereas in the older PFC Sigma, the tray was made of titanium. The theoretical advantage of this design modification is that microscopically the

bolt chrome alloy is smoother than titanium and therefore less likely to produce backside wear of the polyethylene insert [2]. In addition, the PFCSCC polyethylene insert is exposed to a higher radiation dose than the previous PFC Sigma insert, theoretically resulting in an extended lifetime of the prosthesis. The locking mechanism between the insert and tibia tray has also been improved to minimize backside wear.

Minor changes in arthroplasty can lead to unexpected early catastrophic failure and change the survivorship of implants [3]. Many implants undergo minor changes and it is important to ensure that these changes do not cause early failure [4]. National joint registries [1] may not identify all minor changes and outcomes after a short

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The insurance generally covers part of the surgery and rehabilitation. People who have had a knee replacement sometimes start to strengthen their movements just a few hours after surgery. While it is common to experience pain and discomfort during the recovery period, exercise is essential when it comes to rebuilding strength and adapting to the new implant. In a complete knee replacement, the surgeon removes all the bone and cartilage between the lower thigh bone and the upper bone of the shin. The first part of recovery is in the first six weeks when you are focusing on healing from the surgery, reducing pain and inflammation. How much you have to pay out of pocket depends on the type of insurance and coverage you have. During this time, you are likely to receive the physical therapy and exercises prescribed to help you achieve your goals. There are fewer blood and bone losses, and the recovery time is usually faster than a complete knee replacement. The procedure is performed under anaesthesia. If you have arthritis or an injury that has caused long-term damage to your knee, your life can be severely affected. In addition to the daily activities, your surgeon will prescribe specific knee-strengthening exercises you will need to perform up to three times a day. Your healthcare provider may prescribe blood thinning medications to prevent blood clots. Infections are considered rare with knee replacement surgery. Adverse reactions to anaesthesia include irregular heartbeats, nerve damage and stomach problems. To avoid a potential reaction, it is important to let your healthcare provider know about the potential risk factors you have, such as tobacco use, previous health conditions, or medications you have.

<sup>TM</sup> Start making short walks inside your home to increase your mobility. In a partial knee replacement, the surgeon removes and replaces only the damaged or arthritic part of the knee. In the event of a partial substitution of the knee, only a part of the knee joint is replaced. There are still some risks, including surgical anesthesia complications, blood clots and infections. The procedure is generally recommended for people with osteoarthritis and those with damaged knees due to serious injury. The surgeon places an artificial joint in its place. The recovery time for a knee replacement surgery is a process a long year, but this  $\text{€ } \text{€}$  does not mean that  $\text{€ } \text{€}$  will be in pairs or the whole weather. Knee replacement surgery can help you regain your life. More information from QuestionsansWered.net Photo (BSIP / UIG / Getty Images) Knee replacement surgery, also known as knee arthroplasty, replaces the damaged or worn. You may have difficulty doing everyday tasks like walking or standing. If your healthcare provider suggests a knee replacement, *ecnarusut tuohitW .efil fo ytluqan ruoy evormpi dna niap ecudur pleh nac yegrus eht .lunfapi dna degadom era seenk ruoy fl.sraey 01 tuoba ni decalper eb of sdeen netfo desu cithetsor eht tub ,46 of 55 dega elpoop of dednemocer siulua si erudecorp sihT .sichehtsor latem fo citsalp htin tnoj eenk eht fo sedis htob fo gnicalper eht si tmemecalper eenk latof Aqnisidc reffa rucca yan taht niap ro gnillesw yna htew nac eenk ruoy no eci qnitup dna gel ruoy gnitavefl.lanoiseforp erachlaeh a fo ecnatis eht htiv ro emoh ta meht etelpmo nac uoy dna .sehcetrs elka dna sehcetrs hight .sdneb eenk edulcn llyausa eseht .yegrus fo etad eht mof skeew xis of htmon a nithw tmemecalper eenk latof TsksR tmemecalpeR eenk ssecorv revocer eht ni pleh nac hcilw yegrus eht dna erofeb selcum seenk ruoy nehtgnrpleh nac esicrefx .yrasceen eb yam yegrus rehtona .srucuo noitecfni rojam a fl MOC.DNFMOTPMYS MORF EROM 67258302-cap/tuba/tmemecalper-eenk/seudecorp- stsel/gro.clinicalway/www/sptth/tmemecalper-eenk-lato/tmemecalp/ne/gro.soa.ofmiohtro//sptth/edig-esicrefx-tmemecalper-eenk-latof/revocer/ne/gro.soa.ofmiohtro//sptth/tmemecalper-eenk/snoitidmc/ku.shn/www/sptth:sknl .ercuoseR.gnlaeh reporp etomorp of redro ni emit to doirep a rof defimil bllw ytivitca ruoy sa ssecorv revocer eht dna yegrus eht prescribe antibiotics before and after surgery to prevent infection. Using the latest techniques of knee surgery also helps reduce complications and chances of failure rate. Knee replacement cost! The cost of a knee replacement depends on the number of days you must stay in the hospital, the type of implant and surgical approach, pre-existing conditions and any issues after knee surgery. When the legs feel strong enough, longer outdoor walks! are usually recommended. Patients replacing the knee  $\text{A}^{\circ}$  also recommended to resume their activities daily, such as climbing stairs and performing light housework, as these activities they help strengthen the muscles and joints. However, there are some risks associated with surgery and potential recovery problems. Most patients will know that their surgery was a success within the first two or three months of the recovery period. Your doctor will encourage you to switch to a non-narcotic pain medication as soon as possible, but the timeline depends heavily on how well she  $\text{A}^{\circ}$  handles pain. Is knee replacement successful? In 90% of patients undergoing knee replacement surgery experience a dramatic drop in pain, reports Healthline. The damage caused by osteoarthritis can be completely debilitating, and the replacement of the knee  $\text{A}^{\circ}$  is effective in reducing pain and giving patients back their mobility. In the next three to five months, you work to regain strength, range of movement and return to your normal activities. Blood clots are most likely within two weeks after the procedure, but may also develop during the procedure. However, full recovery normally requires Physics in order to strengthen the muscles. Knee Replacement Exercises Before surgery, it is recommended that you continue to do light exercises such as swimming or walking to strengthen the muscles around the knee. The last six months of recovery concentrate on edolod. erolod li eritsef rep ogirurh otnevretni! opod etnemataidemi ocfiroloida ocamraf nu Arevircserp etnemelibaborc ocidem II .orteidni Atilibom aut*

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