

Knee Replacement Cost Planning Guide

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This worksheet helps patients compare programs across pricing, surgeon, facility, implant, and recovery dimensions. Educational only. Not medical advice. Individual evaluation is required. Results vary.

1. Line items to request in any written estimate

- Surgeon professional fee
- Hospital / facility fee
- Implant cost and brand
- Anesthesia (often billed separately)
- Pre-operative testing and imaging
- Inpatient or outpatient pathway
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation
- Durable medical equipment
- Follow-up visits and long-term imaging
- Complication / readmission policy

2. Questions to ask the surgeon

- Annual primary knee arthroplasty volume
- Fellowship training
- Implant system and rationale
- Registry-tracked outcome data
- Complication and revision rates
- Follow-up if traveling for care

3. Questions to ask the facility

- Hospital accreditation status
- Surgical site infection rates
- On-site imaging and lab capability
- Rehabilitation resources
- International patient services
- Emergency / readmission pathway

4. Insurance & financing checklist

- Prior authorization requirements
- In-network vs. out-of-network cost difference
- Deductible and out-of-pocket maximum
- Whether anesthesia, implant, PT billed separately
- Total financed cost vs. monthly payment
- HSA/FSA eligibility

5. Authoritative references

- AAOS OrthoInfo
- AAHKS
- CMS Procedure Price Lookup
- AHRQ HCUPnet
- FAIR Health Consumer / Healthcare Bluebook
- American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR)
- PubMed peer-reviewed literature

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