Osteoarthritis is a progressive, destructive disease of the major joints for which there is no cure. It is a leading cause of disability in the U.S.

27 MILLION
Americans suffer from Osteoarthritis (OA). 1

Employer Costs
Osteoarthritis drives up employer health costs.

$110 BILLION/YEAR IN LOST WAGES
Bone and joint disorders drain more wages each year than any other medical condition. 2

98% of patients return to work following total knee replacement and 90% following total hip replacement. 3

Total joint replacement has been shown to restore mobility, relieve pain, and help osteoarthritis patients return to normal life.

Total joint replacement is cost-saving and provides great value.

$12 BILLION IN SAVINGS
Estimated lifetime savings from knee replacements performed in 2009. 4

$19,000 PER PATIENT LIFETIME
Amount saved over a patient lifetime due to reduced disability costs and improved productivity. 5

23% PRICE DECLINE
Hip and knee replacements have shown a dramatic decline in price within the past six years. 6

The Value of Joint Replacement for Patients with Osteoarthritis

* Reduction in hip and knee implant prices is adjusted for medical inflation.


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