

Patients self-present for revision arthroplasty: Results from the UK SAFE study

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NICE 2017: 1,7,10...years follow up
UK SAFE observational study of
patients undergoing revision hip or
knee replacement*

Can we disinvest in all follow-up?

568
participants

>50% less than 10 years at revision

Hips

Average age 76.8 years,
4 females

Reason:

Loosening 10, pain 1

Sub-group = 11 hips, 7 knees

- no orthopaedic long-term follow up,
- no problems prior to revision,
- not emergency revision surgery

Knees

Average age 71.3 years,
2 females

Reason:

Loosening 2, pain 2,
osteolysis 1, stiff 1,
instability 1

Number with no pain at
point of revision and
no difficulty with walking

1 patient

Conclusion:

Planned revision surgery is
undertaken when symptoms
are present.

Implication:

Self-referral direct to
arthroplasty review
service could deliver
'patient-centred care'.

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