

Patient Comments

BEFORE: At the ripe old age of 23 I was thrown from a horse and shattered much of the interior of my right knee. The orthopedic surgeon that did the “repair” told me I needed a new knee, but the design of artificial knees at that time was not very functional. Fast forward 23 years to the fall of 2006. I’m in lots of pain, getting progressively worse and realizing that I don’t want to be there any longer.



AFTER: Now, I’m riding my horse better than ever, competing at a high level, not even realizing that my own damaged knee was limiting my abilities. I can now race my grandkids to the car, and run up the stairs at the office. It now feels like it is “mine”. The only thing I regret was that I didn’t do it sooner.

*Peggy, age 57
Avid horseback rider*

BEFORE: Before knee replacement it was painful and difficult to stand, walk, or do anything. Keeping up with my grandkids was no easy deal.



AFTER: Since my replacement on both of my knees 10 years ago, I have skied an average 100 days per year or an equivalent of 12 million vertical feet.

*Bob, age 71
Competitive skier*

BEFORE: I was in great pain for 2 years before my replacement. I still managed to run my dog team but a great deal of it was done on a 4 wheeler. I thought my life was over as I knew it. I saw other doctors and they said I could have the replacement but would not be able to continue running dogs.



AFTER: It is easy to talk yourself into being old because of pain, mine was my knee, I had used it up at 54. I was afraid that I would never walk normal again. Not so, with this knee replacement, I have my life back again. At 63, 9 years after my replacement I ran a dog race called the Iditarod, a 1,049 mile sled dog race and finished. Life is good!

*Deborah, age 63
Dog sled racer*

BEFORE: "One day I was up in Alba skiing in two feet of fresh powder on a beautiful sunny day and I couldn't even finish a run my knee hurt so badly." Dave Edwards is a passionate outdoorsman who especially loves the thrill of skiing, fishing and pushing life to the edge. But when pain forced him off the slopes, it was time for Dave to take a look at getting his knee joint replaced. "The pain got so intense, I just couldn't do any of the activities I wanted to do and for me that's not living anymore."



AFTER: Dave noticed the improvement immediately after his operation. "The moment I woke up from surgery, I noticed the arthritis pain I'd been suffering all along was gone." Because Dave had previous work done on the knee, his recovery was a little more demanding than most but Dave toughed it out. "I just knew I had to hang in there." And he's glad he did.

Now recovered, Dave is thankful to have his active life back. "To just walk in the stream when I'm fishing used to kill me. Now it's pleasant again."

Dave has learned to rely on his new Stryker knee and is quite pleasantly surprised by the strength and functionality. "Its become my strong leg rather than my weak leg."

In fact, the surgery was so successful, he is now considering having his other knee replaced. "I'm quite impressed with the Stryker Knee itself."

*Dave E., age 56
Fly Fisherman*