



# New Technology in TKR :

Is The Latest  
Always The Greatest ?

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**According to  
Prof Sebastian  
Lustig, all total knee  
replacement  
has to be performed  
with robotics**



# Technology in TKA



Robotics will make us better :

**More accurate**

**More precise**

**More consistent**

**It will make obtaining a good result easier !**



# Robotics Improve Accuracy & Precision



Functional alignment with robotic-arm assisted total knee arthroplasty demonstrated better patient-reported outcomes than mechanical alignment with manual total knee arthroplasty

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**Robotic-assisted total knee arthroplasty improves accuracy and precision compared to conventional techniques**

BJJ, 2021

Improved Component Placement Accuracy with Robotic-Arm Assisted Total Knee Arthroplasty

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J Knee Surg, 2022

Does robotic technology successfully restore the joint line after total knee arthroplasty? A retrospective analysis

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Arthroplasty, 2022

## Conclusion

At min F.U. time of 2 years, **RA-TKA is significantly more accurate and precise** in planning both component positioning and final polyethylene insert thickness



# The Mechanical Axis May be the **Wrong Target** in CAS / Robotics TKR



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## Effect of Postoperative Mechanical Axis Alignment on the Fifteen-Year Survival of Modern, Cemented Total Knee Replacements

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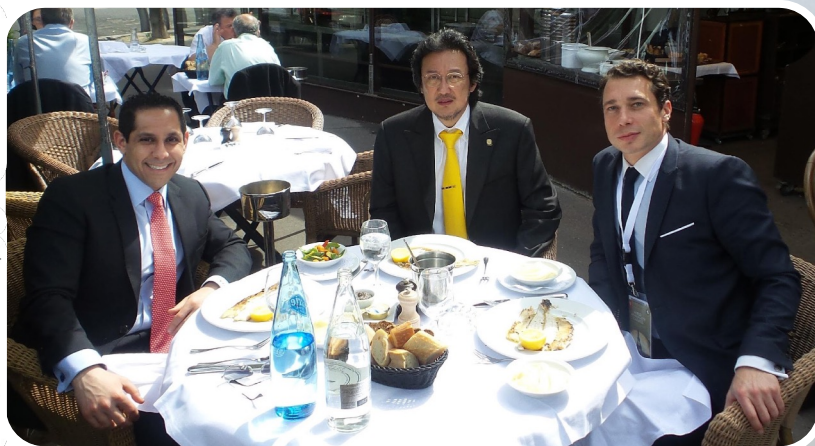
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## Effect of Postoperative Mechanical Axis Alignment on Survival and Functional Outcomes of Modern Total Knee Arthroplasties with Cement

A Concise Follow-up at 20 Years\*

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Investigation performed at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota



**“Outliers had somewhat better 15 - 20 year survival”**

**“Wrong Target”**

# Success Rate of Mechanical Alignment



	AOANJR	UK NJR	SVK
5 year	96.5%	97.35%	97.5%
10 year	94.8%	95.66%	98%
15 year	92.7%	93.64%	
19 year	91%		

Although up **1/5 (20%)** patients who undergo TKA are **dissatisfied in the short and mid-term,** **implant survival** remains **greater than 82% at 25 years**

10-year survivorship free from any reoperation was 99% and 100% in the aligned and outlier groups respectively

David C. Landy, CORR 2020

Abdel et al, J Clinical Medicine, 2021

# Dissatisfaction Declines from 20% to 10%



Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Are 20% of Patients Actually Dissatisfied Following Total Knee Arthroplasty? A Systematic Review of the Literature

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*J Arthroplasty, 2023*

Based on the review, **the average rate of patient dissatisfaction following TKA is 10%, without complications the rate is 7.3%**



# Patient **Expectation**



Patient dissatisfaction after TKA is **multifactorial, surgical technical factors are probably less important than psychosocial factors, surgical indications, and expectations**

# Robotic Technology in TKA

## Is It Necessary?



What problem are we trying to solve ?



Malalignment



Instability



Patient satisfaction



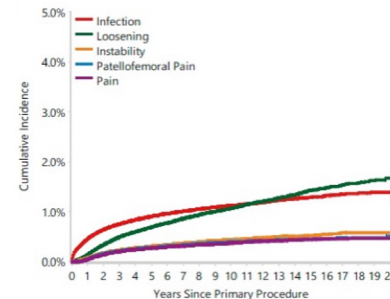
Surgeon wellness



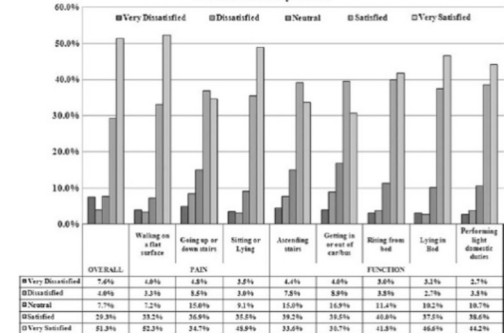
Cost-effective care

Table KT11 Primary Total Knee Replacement by Reason for Revision (Primary Diagnosis OA)

Reason for Revision	Number	Percent
Infection	6055	26.4
Loosening	5194	22.7
Instability	2170	9.5
Patellofemoral Pain	1931	8.4
Pain	1846	8.1
Patella Erosion	1451	6.3
Arthrofibrosis	879	3.8
Fracture	789	3.4
Malalignment	532	2.3
Lysis	304	1.3
Wear Tibial Insert	294	1.3
Incorrect Sizing	244	1.1



Satisfaction Survey Results



Courtesy of David Liu

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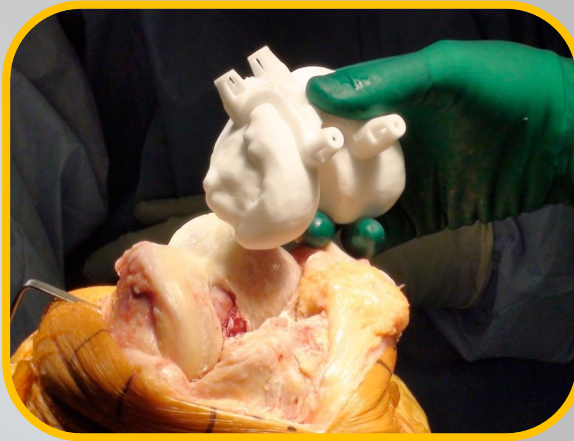


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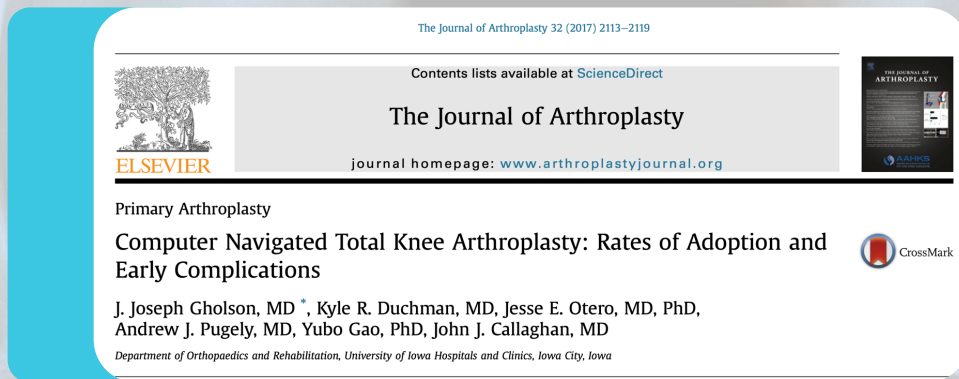
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Achieve 100% Success Rate?





# CAS: Is It More Hype Than Hope ?



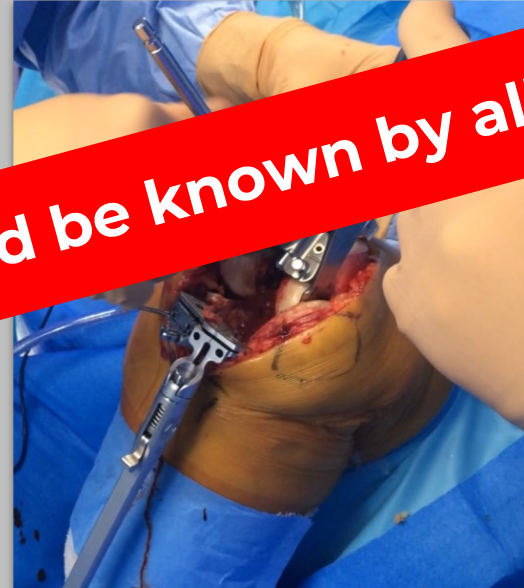
- Surgeons should question when to adopt the technology & what their responsibilities are to their patients
- **38.3% decrease in CAS usage for TKA from 2010 - 2014**

The low percentage indicates that the majority of Orthopaedic Surgeons **avoid** using CAS techniques

# Robotics Improve **Accuracy & Precision**



**Are conventional instruments still relevant or outdated in today's world ???**



**Basic concepts of TKA should be known by all surgeons!**

# Potential Dangers for Surgeons

No clinically significant differences in outcomes,  
quality of life, or complications

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Technology assistance in primary total knee replacement: hype or hope?

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Robotics is  
**OPTIMIZING**  
**NOT**  
**Replacing**  
**Surgeons**

As robotic TKR usage increases, there's a risk of orthopedic surgeons **relying solely on robotics**, potentially **diminishing surgical skills for conventional TKR**



# Technology in TKA:

## Risks of Reliance on Digital Technology



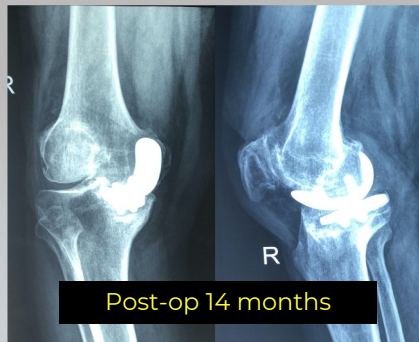
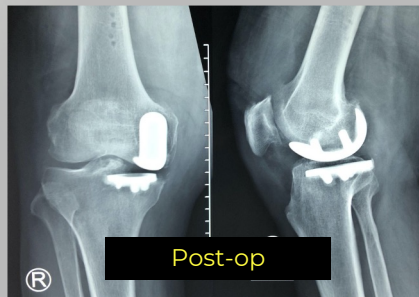
### Downsides of Digital Instruments:

What happens when technology doesn't work?

What is your backup ?

What happens if the tool misguides you?

Will you recognize the problem ?



# Evidence Based Literature



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## Image-Free Robotic-Assisted Total Knee Arthroplasty Results in Quicker Recovery but Equivalent One-Year Outcomes Compared to Conventional Total Knee Arthroplasty



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## Robotic-arm assisted total knee arthroplasty is associated with comparable functional outcomes but improved forgotten joint scores compared with conventional manual total knee arthroplasty at five-year follow-up

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## Robotic-assisted mechanically aligned total knee arthroplasty does not lead to better clinical and radiological outcomes when compared to conventional TKA: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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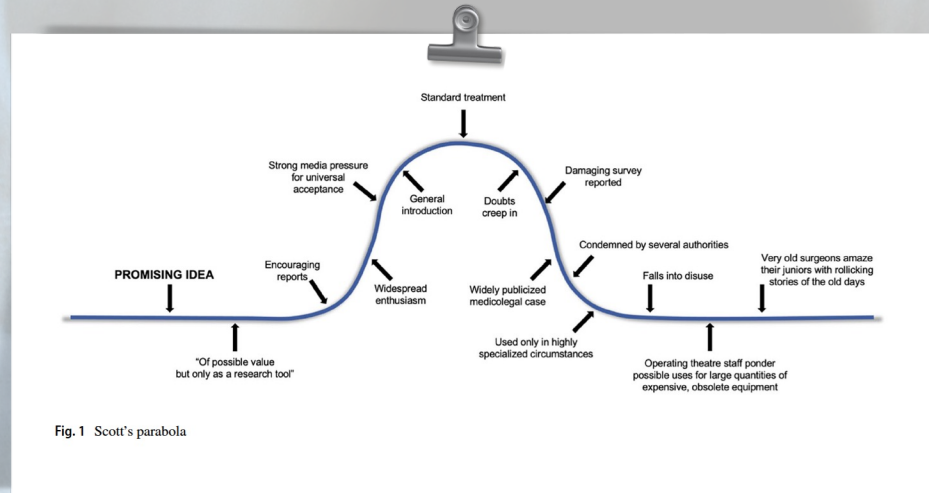
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# Sometimes Progress **Leads Us Nowhere !!**



This was largely the case with “minimally invasive surgery” and many “navigation” platforms



Krueger et al, *J Arthroplasty*, 2020  
Abdel et al, *J Arthroplasty*, 2015

**They seemed promising at the start, but when the literature did not show their superiority, their usage waned**



# Data Registry : American



United States

**790.000 TKA /year**

Robotic Surgery in Total Joint Arthroplasty: A Survey of the AAHKS Membership to Understand the Utilization, Motivations, and Perceptions of Total Joint Surgeons

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*J Arthroplasty*, 2020

Robotic assistance has increased over  
**6-fold in the last 6 years**, representing **13.4%**

**Study findings:**

**(735 of 2281 AAHKS members)**

**33.3%** AAHKS members  
use robot arm  
assistance for TKA

# Data Registry : European

## A Multi-Source Data Collection of European Registries



Europe (+UK)

**639.000 TKA /year**

OECD Health Statistics 2023  
NJR Annual Report 2023 - United Kingdom  
Dutch Arthroplasty Register (LROI) 2022 – the Netherlands



What are the perceived benefits and barriers to the use of robot-assisted total knee arthroplasty? A survey of members of the European Knee Society

Saffarini et al, Int Orthop, 2022

Study findings:

(83 of 123  
EKS members)

**54%** perform  
conventional TKA

**27%** perform  
RA-TKA

# Asia-Pacific Leads in Robotic TKA Advancements



## Holding Multiple Asia Pacific Presidencies Simultaneously

**APKS President**  
2019-2022

**APAS President**  
2020-2022

**ASIA President**  
2019-2022

**Over 1.4 million cases per year**

- **AUSTRALIA** - **57,264** per year - **30.6%** robotic assistant
- **NEW ZEALAND** - **9,833** per year - **18.6%** robotic use
- **CHINA** - **700,000** cases per year - **8%** robotic use
- **INDIA** - **325,000** cases per year - **7.6%** robotic
- **JAPAN** - **120,000** es per year - **5.46%** robotic use
- **KOREA** - **100,000** cases per year - **less than 5%** robotic use

*AOAJR - Chris Vertullo*

*Mark Clatsworthy, NZ - JR*

*Courtesy of Cao Li & Yixin Zhou*

*Courtesy of Ashok Rajgopal*

*Courtesy of Shuichi Matsuda - Yukihide Minoda*

*Courtesy of Kang-il Kim*



# What's Next in **Knee Arthroplasty?**



Artificial  
Intelligence



Evolution of robotic  
procedures &  
implant designs



Smart  
implants



Outpatient surgery  
and centers of  
excellence



# Digital Transformation



We live in a dynamic digital era, with changes occurring every day



What about the changes in our professional environment?

## CURRENT CONCEPTS

### Digital Transformation: Do We Already Benefit from This in Orthopaedics?



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Digital technology has changed many aspects of our lives. We live in a dynamic digital era, with changes occurring every day. But what about the changes in our professional environment? Is the orthopaedic world changing at the same pace as other aspects of our lives? Traditionally, health care has been lacking when it comes to technological innovation. If we look around, we see a range of developments, from small technological innovations such as health care apps to major innovations such as robotic arm-assisted surgery. The big question is: are these developments innovations, or are they just hype? Many articles have been devoted to this topic of "hope or hype." With previous topics, such as minimally invasive hip and knee arthroplasty, metal-on-metal hips, and navigation still fresh in our memories, we might place current developments into the same category: hype. But maybe this is a reaction of our reptile brain? Is it fair to see the surgical robot as an expensive motorized sawing machine, or should we see it more as a data-driven dynamic solution with multiple aspects that are just underdeveloped? Classical evidence-based medicine has toughened us to look back and build on the past. And to be honest, this model has brought us a lot! But in 2015, after 250 years, the world entered the fourth phase of the industrial revolution. In the current era, we must not forget to look further ahead and see new possibilities.

Perhaps this fast-changing world will also require us to develop new skills and methods. Evidence-based medicine should be upgraded to evidence-based medicine 2.0, in which we combine evidence and data. In this setting, causality has a new friend: associative data. Associative data are used in many other industries, so why not use them more frequently in health care? Instead of using only data from clinical trials, we have the possibility to use real-world data. We also have access to digital tools to collect patient-generated data, providing the opportunity to shift toward personalized medicine. Personalized medicine can allow for higher precision in terms of diagnosis, therapy, and prognosis that can ideally be tailored to the individual patient [Nardini et al, 2021]. On our way to achieving personalized medicine, we can improve ourselves and health care by learning from new data sources that become available. In sports, for example, advanced analytics are commonly used to improve performance. Advanced analytics are used not only in high-tech sports, such as Formula 1 racing, but also in sports such as cycling, golf, and many others that were formerly seen as analog. This brings us back to the questions: How is our orthopaedic world changing? Are we fit for the future? Can we serve our patients in a way that fits into the 2020s?

Let's look at some examples of innovative changes that could change our professional lives. Apps, for example, are relatively simple and cheap innovations with great potential for advanced analytics. The primary function of apps is to educate patients with timely medical information through smartphones or tablets. However, they can also improve patient knowledge; provide insights into medication or treatment adherence, satisfaction, and clinical outcomes; and positively affect health care economics [Timmers, 2020]. An often-overlooked aspect of these tools is the ability to analyze the use of the app (e.g., how often and for what reason), the effectiveness of push-notifications, and communication tiredness. With this information, we can optimize information delivery, learn about the needs of our patients, and maximize the use of clinical resources.

To continue our debate on digital transformation, we all recognize the importance of good surgical instruments in the setting of hip and knee arthroplasty. Therefore, it is a natural evolution that robotic arm-assisted surgery has transformed the instruments into smart instruments. But do we use the "smart" part of the system in a mature fashion? As with smartphones, it will take a few generations before we start to use the smart part of the device to a larger extent that will make it worthwhile. From this perspective, robotic arm-assisted surgery is more than an expensive motorized sawing machine. It is an example of how technology can change a surgical field. We now need to start using the digital nature of the robot and work with the generated performance data to its full potential. Then we will see how these instruments' smart part will help us develop the field.



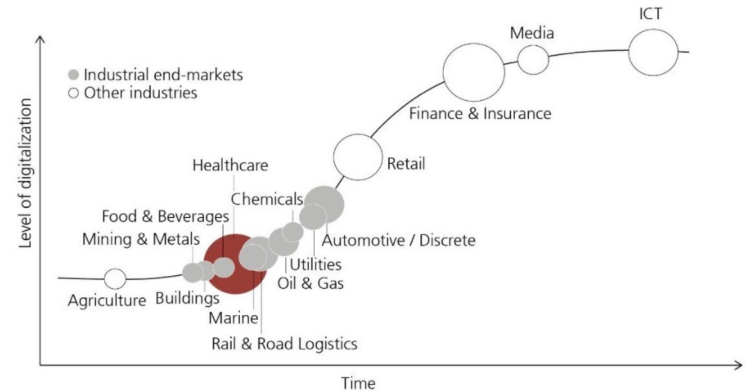
# Digital Transformation



**Healthcare has always  
been lacking in  
technology uptake**

Healthcare is one of the least  
digitalized industries

Level of digitalization by industry



ABB, 2020



# Digital Transformation



## *Range of developments:*

Small technological innovations

**Health care apps**



- To educate patients with timely medical information through smartphones or tablets
- Improve patient knowledge

Major technological innovations



**Robotic arm assisted surgery**

SURGICAL ROBOT

**Expensive motorized sawing machine?**

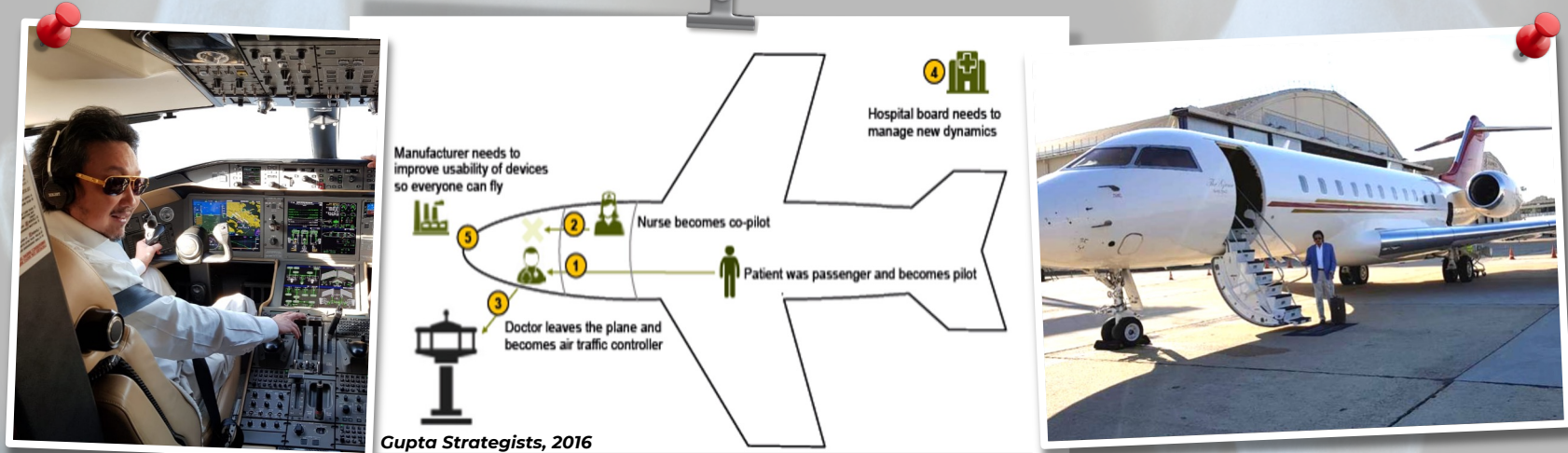
*or*

**A data-driven dynamic solution with multiple aspects that are just underdeveloped?**

# The New Role of the Surgeon



*The roles of the stakeholders change drastically*



**It must be acknowledged that we are still in the era of needing humans to coexist with machine**

Piuzzi et al. BJO, 2022

# Demand For New Technology



## PUBLIC PERCEPTION :

**Prefer RaTKA  
by a low-volume surgeon  
than  
conventional by high-volume  
surgeon  
even if results were comparable**



**Contrary to popular belief,  
the less or more  
experienced surgeon do  
not differ in their  
willingness to adopt new  
technology**

*Pagani et al, JOA, Feb 2021*

*Sherman et al, JOA, July 2020*



# Key Findings on RA-TKA



Patients more comfortable in the  
first **24** hours

Achieving flexion to 90 degrees in the  
first **48** hours

Improved sagittal alignment of  
femoral and tibial components



# Technology in TKA:

## Questions to Ask About New Technology



1 How much *more precise* and *advantageous* is the technology likely to be *noticed by the patient*?

2 Are there **potential harm** and **added cost** of the technology ?

3 How **complex** is the new technology to use ?

4 As you consider new technology, **think about the ethics!**

Daniel J. Berry



Do we see the  
“**smart**” part of the system  
in a mature fashion?



# From just doing laps, **to go out and measure**



# Personalized Alignment in Robotic Assisted Total Knee Arthroplasty



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## Personalized alignment in total knee arthroplasty: current concepts

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Review

Alignment techniques in total knee arthroplasty

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## Conclusions

Functional alignment TKA aims to restore pre-arthritic alignment and achieve balanced soft tissue tension by manipulating alignment based on surgeon's discretion intraoperatively using robotic technology

# My Experience with RA-TKA

## Pioneer of RA-TKA



**Is Robotic really nothing but marketing?**

**YES**

**Long term functional outcome are similar**

**Long term survival rate has not been proven yet**

**NO**

**Quite satisfied with post-operative pain, faster recovery, and short-term functional outcome**

**In severe varus and valgus cases, robotic assistance helps surgeon determine the precise resection, ensuring optimal alignment**





Ultimately, **collaboration** is key to driving  
advancements in robotic TKA



# Conclusions




All technologies need **long-term assessment** and **critical appraisal**

What we need is a **simple robotic system** that will **improve patient's functional outcome, alignment** and **long term satisfaction** at **no additional cost**

It's important to note that the integration of **AI technologies into medical practice requires rigorous testing, validation, and adherence to regulatory standards**

**Interpretation of literature is difficult** for a physician trying to decide if and when to implement new technology





# Thank You For Your Attention