

Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Total Knee Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas femoral/tibial combination with all other total knee prostheses.

This combination has been identified as having a significantly higher rate of revision. For a detailed explanation of the process used by the Registry that results in identification of prostheses that have a higher than anticipated rate of revision please refer to the Prostheses with Higher than Anticipated Rates of Revision chapter of the most recent AOANJRR Annual Report, <https://aoanjrr.sahmri.com/annual-reports-2026>.

Note: Procedures using prostheses with no recorded use in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 1

Revision Rate of Primary Total Knee Replacement

The revision rate of the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses.

Table 1: Revision Rates of Primary Total Knee Replacement

Component	N Revised	N Total	Obs. Years	Revisions/100 Obs. Yrs (95% CI)
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	60	479	6143	0.98 (0.75, 1.26)
Other Total Knee	27284	791430	5145922	0.53 (0.52, 0.54)
TOTAL	27344	791909	5152065	0.53 (0.52, 0.54)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 2

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses.

Table 2: Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision (95% CI) of Primary Total Knee Replacement

CPR	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	1.9 (1.0, 3.6)	4.2 (2.7, 6.4)	5.7 (3.9, 8.2)	6.5 (4.6, 9.2)	7.9 (5.8, 10.7)	8.1 (6.0, 11.0)
Other Total Knee	1.0 (1.0, 1.0)	1.8 (1.8, 1.8)	2.4 (2.3, 2.4)	2.8 (2.7, 2.8)	3.1 (3.1, 3.1)	3.4 (3.4, 3.5)

CPR	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	8.6 (6.3, 11.5)	9.0 (6.7, 12.0)	10.0 (7.6, 13.1)	10.5 (8.0, 13.7)	10.7 (8.2, 13.9)	12.1 (9.4, 15.5)
Other Total Knee	3.7 (3.7, 3.8)	4.0 (4.0, 4.1)	4.3 (4.3, 4.4)	4.6 (4.6, 4.7)	4.9 (4.9, 5.0)	5.3 (5.2, 5.3)

CPR	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs	17 Yrs	18 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	12.4 (9.6, 15.8)	12.7 (9.9, 16.2)	13.3 (10.4, 16.9)	13.8 (10.8, 17.6)	14.5 (11.3, 18.6)	14.5 (11.3, 18.6)
Other Total Knee	5.6 (5.5, 5.7)	5.9 (5.8, 6.0)	6.3 (6.2, 6.4)	6.7 (6.6, 6.9)	7.2 (7.0, 7.3)	7.5 (7.4, 7.7)

CPR	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	24 Yrs	25 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas							
Other Total Knee	7.9 (7.7, 8.0)	8.1 (7.9, 8.3)	8.5 (8.2, 8.7)	8.7 (8.4, 9.0)	8.8 (8.6, 9.2)	9.1 (8.7, 9.5)	9.5 (8.8, 10.2)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

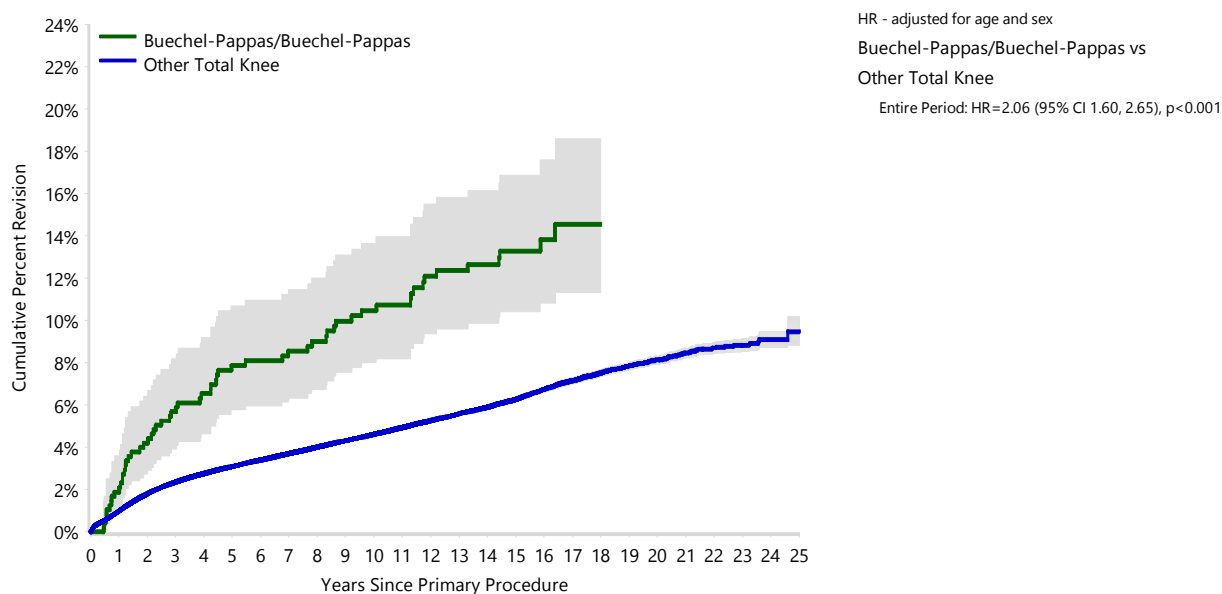
FIGURE 1

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses. In addition, hazard ratios are reported.

Hazard ratios are reported for specific time periods during which the hazard ratio is constant. This is done to enable more specific and valid comparisons of the risk of revision over time. The pattern of variation in risk has important implications with respect to the underlying reasons for any difference.

Figure 1: Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement



Number at Risk	0 Yr	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	479	467	454	443	430	412	406	399
Other Total Knee	791430	708699	628274	550835	487544	424868	369845	315999

Number at Risk	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	385	372	356	335	316	301	291	246	150
Other Total Knee	266816	222320	182654	146980	117201	92187	70380	52526	38351

Number at Risk	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	24 Yrs	25 Yrs
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	88	42	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Total Knee	27628	19434	13616	9427	6164	3657	2096	972	244

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 3**Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Knee Replacement**

This table identifies the diagnosis of the primary procedure which was subsequently revised. This information is provided as there is a variation on outcome depending on the primary diagnosis. It is therefore important when considering the reasons for a higher than anticipated rate of revision that there is identification of the primary diagnosis. This information should be compared to the primary diagnosis for the revisions of all other total knee prostheses.

Table 3: Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Knee Replacement

Primary Diagnosis	Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	59	98.3	26392	96.7
Rheumatoid Arthritis			330	1.2
Tumour			199	0.7
Other Inflammatory Arthritis	1	1.7	177	0.6
Osteonecrosis			104	0.4
Fracture			55	0.2
Other			26	0.1
Chondrocalcinosis			1	0.0
TOTAL	60	100.0	27284	100.0

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 4

Reasons for Revision

This is reported in two ways: a percentage of primary procedures revised and as a percentage of all revision procedures.

% Primaries Revised: This shows the proportional contribution of each revision diagnosis as a percentage of the total number of primary procedures. This percentage can be used to approximate the risk of being revised for that diagnosis. Differing percentages between groups, with the same distribution of follow up time, may identify problems of concern.

% Revisions: The number of revisions for each diagnosis is expressed as a percentage of the total number of revisions. This shows the distribution of reasons for revision within a group but cannot be used as a comparison between groups.

Table 4: Primary Total Knee Replacement - Reason for Revision (Follow-up Limited to 19.7 Years)

Revision Diagnosis	Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas			Other Total Knee		
	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	2	0.4	3.3	7882	1.0	29.0
Loosening	12	2.5	20.0	5749	0.7	21.1
Instability	7	1.5	11.7	2870	0.4	10.5
Patella Erosion	16	3.3	26.7	2027	0.3	7.4
Pain	6	1.3	10.0	1865	0.2	6.9
Patellofemoral Pain	6	1.3	10.0	1555	0.2	5.7
Arthrofibrosis				1181	0.1	4.3
Fracture	4	0.8	6.7	1133	0.1	4.2
Malalignment	2	0.4	3.3	511	0.1	1.9
Wear Tibial Insert				371	0.0	1.4
Lysis	2	0.4	3.3	288	0.0	1.1
Implant Breakage Tibial Insert				252	0.0	0.9
Incorrect Sizing				218	0.0	0.8
Patella Maltracking				192	0.0	0.7
Bearing Dislocation	1	0.2	1.7	150	0.0	0.6
Implant Breakage Patella				147	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology	2	0.4	3.3	114	0.0	0.4
Prosthesis Dislocation				78	0.0	0.3
Synovitis				64	0.0	0.2
Wear Patella				52	0.0	0.2
Osteonecrosis				51	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Femoral				49	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Tibial				39	0.0	0.1
Tumour				36	0.0	0.1
Heterotopic Bone				16	0.0	0.1
Progression Of Disease				8	0.0	0.0
Wear Tibial				6	0.0	0.0
Patella Dislocation				3	0.0	0.0
Incorrect Side				1	0.0	0.0
Wear Femoral				1	0.0	0.0
Other				314	0.0	1.2
N Revision	60	12.5	100.0	27223	3.4	100.0
N Primary	479			791430		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 19.7 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

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FIGURE 2**Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

This figure details the cumulative incidence of the most common reasons for revision. The five most common reasons for revision are included as long as each of these reasons account for more than 10 procedures or at least 5% of all revisions for the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination. A comparative graph is provided of the cumulative incidence for the same reasons for revisions for all other total knee prostheses.

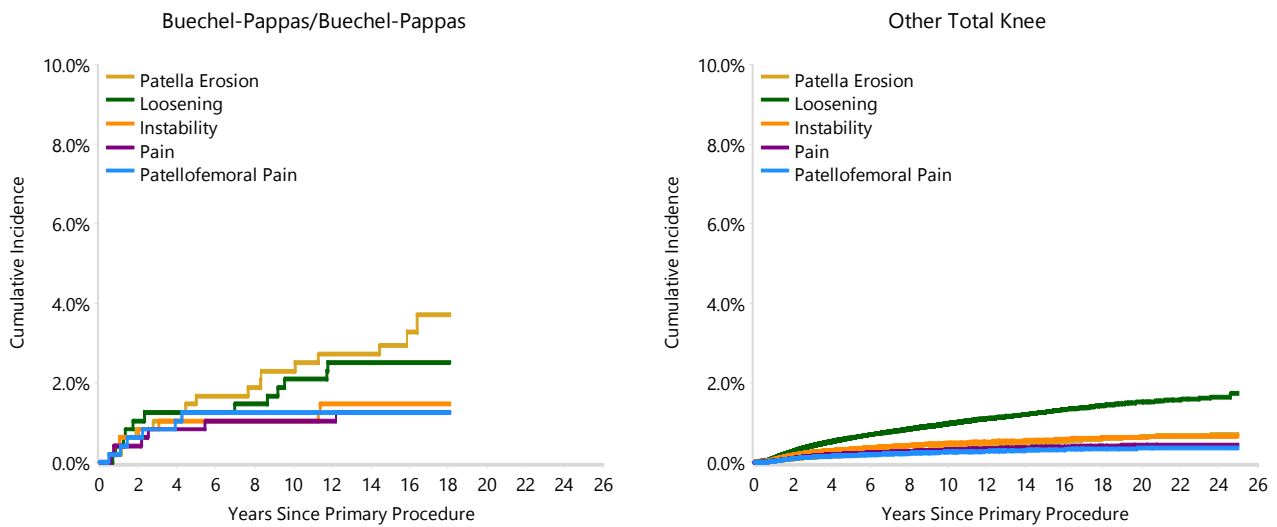
Figure 2: Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis for Primary Total Knee Replacement

TABLE 5

Type of Revision Performed for Primary Total Knee Replacement

This analysis identifies the components used in the revision of the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination and compares it to the components used in the revision of all other total knee prostheses.

The reason this analysis is undertaken is to identify whether there is one or more components which are being replaced that differ from the components replaced for revisions of all other total knee prostheses i.e. is there a difference in the type of revision undertaken for the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination compared to all other total knee prostheses.

Table 5: Primary Total Knee Replacement - Type of Revision (Follow-up Limited to 19.7 Years)

Type of Revision	Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TKR (Tibial/Femoral)	21	35.0	6648	24.4
Tibial Component	2	3.3	1907	7.0
Femoral Component	2	3.3	1313	4.8
Cement Spacer	1	1.7	1137	4.2
Removal of Prostheses			134	0.5
Total Femoral			23	0.1
Reinsertion of Components			8	0.0
N Major	26	43.3	11170	41.0
Insert Only	5	8.3	8564	31.5
Patella Only	27	45.0	4489	16.5
Insert/Patella	2	3.3	2923	10.7
Minor Components			66	0.2
Cement Only			11	0.0
N Minor	34	56.7	16053	59.0
TOTAL	60	100.0	27223	100.0

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 19.7 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 6**Revision Rates of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Fixation**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses have more than one fixation option. Additionally there are prostheses where an alternative to the recommended approach to fixation was used e.g. a cementless prosthesis that has been cemented or vice-versa.

Table 6: Revised Number of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Fixation

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cemented	0	7
Cementless	49	300
Hybrid (Tibial Cemented)	11	170
Hybrid (Tibial Cementless)	0	2
TOTAL	60	479

TABLE 7**Revision Rates of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Surface**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of bearing surfaces. All bearing surfaces used with this combination are listed.

Table 7: Revised Number of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Surface

Bearing Surface	N Revised	N Total
Non XLPE	60	479
TOTAL	60	479

TABLE 8**Revision Rates of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Mobility**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of bearing mobilities. All bearing mobilities used with this combination are listed.

Table 8: Revised Number of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Mobility

Bearing Mobility	N Revised	N Total
Rotating	60	479
TOTAL	60	479

TABLE 9**Revision Rates of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Stability**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of stabilities. All stabilities used with this combination are listed.

Table 9: Revised Number of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Stability

Stability	N Revised	N Total
Minimally Stabilised	60	479
TOTAL	60	479

TABLE 10

Revision Rates of Primary Total Knee Replacement by State

This enables a state by state variation to be identified for the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination and provides the comparative data for each of the states for all other total knee prostheses.

The purpose of this analysis is to determine if the higher than anticipated rate of revision has widespread distribution between states. If there is widespread distribution then the reason for the higher than anticipated rate of revision is unlikely to be surgeon specific. If the prosthesis has been used in only a small number of states it is not possible to distinguish if the higher than anticipated rate of revision is related to the prosthesis, surgeon, technique or patient.

Table 10: Revised Number of Primary Total Knee Replacement by State

Component	State	N Revised	N Total
Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas	NSW	12	170
	VIC	44	280
	QLD	0	4
	WA	0	2
	SA	4	23
Other Total Knee	NSW	7550	259497
	VIC	6020	163565
	QLD	5789	167244
	WA	3600	92841
	SA	3220	73114
	TAS	475	15075
	ACT/NT	630	20094
TOTAL		27344	791909

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 11**Number of Revisions of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Year of Implant**

This analysis details the number of prostheses reported each year to the Registry for the Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas total knee combination. It also provides the subsequent number of revisions of the primaries reported in that year.

Primary procedures performed in later years have had less follow up time therefore the number revised is expected to be less than the number revised in earlier years. For example, a primary procedure performed in 2025 has a maximum of one year to be revised, whereas a primary procedure performed in 2023 has a maximum of three years to be revised.

Table 11: Number of Revisions of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Year of Implant

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2005	0	1
2006	3	39
2007	5	51
2008	15	84
2009	13	100
2010	19	148
2011	5	44
2012	0	4
2014	0	7
2015	0	1
TOTAL	60	479

TABLE 12

Revision Rates of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Many prostheses have a number of catalogue ranges. The catalogue range is specific to particular design features; more than one catalogue range usually indicates a minor difference in design in a particular Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas prosthesis.

This analysis has been undertaken to determine if the revision rate varies according to the catalogue number range.

Model	Catalogue Range	Catalogue Description	Cement	Material	Coating	Fixation
Femoral						
Buechel-Pappas	04311001-04312006	FEMORAL ALLOY MIN. STAB	NO	METAL	TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04311204-04314006	FEMORAL COMPONENT W/OUT BIOCOAT	YES	METAL		
Buechel-Pappas	04311301-04312306	NARROW FEMORAL ALLOY MIN. STAB.	NO	METAL	TIN	BEADED
Tibial						
Buechel-Pappas	04220003-04220003	TIBIAL BASEPLATE BEADED TITANIUM	NO			
Buechel-Pappas	04220005-04220005	UNIVERSAL TIBIAL COMPONENT	YES		TIN	
Buechel-Pappas	04320001-04320006	TYPE 1 FIXED SUBLAXATION	NO		TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04320012-04320016	TYPE 2 REMOVAL SUBLAXATION ROTATING PLATFORM	NO		TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04320021-04320026	TYPE 3 ROTATING PLATFORM	NO		TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04320061-04320066	TYPE 0 STD TIBIAL COMPONENT	NO		TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04320101-04320116	REVISION MODULAR ROTATING PLATFORM TIBIAL	NO		TIN	BEADED
Buechel-Pappas	04320463-04320464	TIBIAL COMPONENT W/O BIOCOAT	YES			

Table 12: Revised Number of Buechel-Pappas/Buechel-Pappas Primary Total Knee Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Femoral Range	Tibial Range	N Revised	N Total
04311001-04312006	04220003-04220003	0	1
	04220005-04220005	0	6
	04320001-04320006	29	148
	04320012-04320016	3	21
	04320021-04320026	17	141
	04320061-04320066	3	59
	04320101-04320116	1	1
04311204-04314006	04320463-04320464	0	1
04311301-04312306	04220003-04220003	0	2
	04220005-04220005	1	3
	04320001-04320006	2	8
	04320012-04320016	0	2
	04320021-04320026	0	5
	04320061-04320066	4	80
	04320463-04320464	0	1
TOTAL		60	479