



Patient information

Unicondylar knee joint replacement

ACS® UNI / PB Uni Knee System

Dear Patient,

You recently received an implant from the company implantcast GmbH. Below you will find some information regarding your implant. You can find more information in the patient section on our homepage: www.implantcast.de/en/for-patients/

Possible risks, complications and service life

The materials used in implants are not as durable as natural bone structures and joints. They have a limited service life. The service life of an implant generally depends on multiple factors that can either shorten or extend its service life. In particular, body weight and heavy mechanical demands on the affected extremity, for example due to accidents, falls, sports or strenuous activities, will have negative effects. In addition, the use of devices with electric drive motors represents an increased risk of injury. After an overload of this kind, implants can break or fail in some other way. Smooth exertions, such as when cycling or swimming, are recommended. For a good chance of having a long-lived prosthesis, it is important to avoid all kinds of overload. This can require substantial changes in your lifestyle.

Factors associated with an increased likelihood of failure are:

- Excessive strain on the operated joint due to strenuous manual labor and/or unsuitable physical activities
- Severe deformities that interfere with the anchoring or the exact positioning or function of the implant
- Therapies that degrade bone quality
- Muscular insufficiency
- Neuromuscular diseases in the affected extremity
- States which interfere with the patient's ability or willingness to follow the physician's instructions, especially during the healing phase
- Obesity
- Nicotine and/or drug abuse
- Alcoholism
- Prior surgeries on the affected extremity
- Diabetes
- Psoriasis

Following the implantation, further invasive surgical intervention may become necessary, such as the replacement of individual components or even the entire endoprosthesis. This depends on the specific reason for the revision.

As with any medical application, negative side effects and complications may occur with the implantation of a joint replacement. All types of endoprosthesis can fail for a number of reasons, including accidents, infections, aseptic loosening, dislocation of components, or wear.

As the wearer of a prosthesis, you should seek early treatment for all infections (e.g. of the teeth or urinary tract). By using follow-up examinations as they are offered, you can detect potential complications at an early stage. Inform your physician immediately of any unusual changes in the area of the surgery.

Under normal conditions of use, the following survival rates* (service life) are expected for the ACS® UNI and PB Uni knee systems:

Years	ACS® UNI / PB Uni
1	98.9 - 97.8 %
3	96.0 - 94.5 %
5	93.8 - 92.1 %
10	88.2 - 85.6 %
13	84.1 %
15	81.5 - 77.7 %
18	72.7 %

* All survival rates are based on various international endoprosthesis registries.

Information regarding medical tests

Before undergoing a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan, for example, or any other medical tests, inform your physician about your endoprosthesis. Your replacement joint has not been assessed for its safety and compatibility in an MRI environment. Its safety in an MRI environment is unknown. Therefore, it is not possible to rule out injuries from MRI scans.

One or more components of this product contain(s) the following CMR substance(s) classified as category 1A and/or 1B, and/or substances with endocrine-damaging properties in a concentration of more than 0.1 percent (weight by weight):

Cobalt; CAS no. 7440-48-4; EC no. 231-158-0

According to current scientific literature, medical devices made from cobalt alloys or stainless steel alloys containing cobalt do not cause an increased risk of cancer or deleterious effects on reproductive ability.

This product contains the following material or substance that could cause sensitivity or an allergic reaction in the patient:

Nickel; CAS no. 7440-02-0; EC no. 231-111-4

Information about the implant card

Refer to your implant card for information that identifies all the components used in your endoprosthesis as well as each of the materials used. Always carry your implant card with you. It may be very helpful in case of any joint injuries or complications. You must also present this card at some security checkpoints, for example in airports.

For more information on each of the materials used, visit our homepage at the following link:

www.implantcast.de/en/company/technology/

The symbols used on your implant card are explained below:

 Patient name	 Manufacturer
 Medical device	 Lot designation
 Outpatient clinic or physician	 Serial number
 Date	 Unique product identifier
 Internet page with patient information	 Product and manufacturer identification according to HRI format
 Material	 Catalog number
 Sales partner	

Best wishes from implantcast.

