

## **AJRR Fact Sheet**

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*AJRR is Part of  
AAOS' Registries Portfolio*

Established in 2009, the American Joint Replacement Registry (AJRR) was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in the state of Illinois for data collection and quality improvement initiatives for total hip and knee replacements in the U.S.

Over one million hip and knee arthroplasties are performed each year in the U.S.

More than 7 million people in the U.S. have had knee or hip replacement surgery, and the number is increasing now that the baby boomers have aged.

Hip and knee devices account for more than 85% of the joint reconstruction and replacement market.

### **Incredible Growth**

The Registry is increasing at a rate of 4,000 procedures per week. Currently, it contains more than 1.8 million procedures from over 8,500 surgeons throughout the U.S.

At this time, AJRR has over 1,000 participating sites located **in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.**

The goal of the American Joint Replacement Registry is to capture data on 90% of all total hip and knee arthroplasties completed in the United States.

### **Participating Institutions**

AJRR optimizes patient outcomes through the collection of data on all primary and revision total joint replacement procedures from participating sites (hospitals, academic medical centers, multiple health systems/networks, surgery centers, private practice groups, and solo practitioners).

Participating institutions:

- ✓ Receive Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or manufacturer surveillance alerts on components for improved patient safety
- ✓ Can participate for free – with only a small annual subscription fee for access to the reporting and dashboard features
- ✓ Have national benchmark data enabling hospitals and surgeons to compare results to overall national figures and also against others with a similar practice volume and type, thus being able to make informed decisions based on clinical facts and figures

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#### **Quality Focused**

AJRR is the **National Registry** for total hip and knee arthroplasty and acknowledged as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) every year since 2.14.

Patients benefit the most when hospitals and surgeons participate, submit, analyze, and actively utilize the knowledge gained from the data to improve orthopaedic care.

AJRR publishes an Annual Report of national and local data collection statistics about the data contained in the Registry.

AJRR can help satisfy the specialized registry objectives of quality initiatives and insurer distinction programs.

Utilizing the data from participation with AJRR can be considered a quality initiative that can earn hospitals credit towards the CMS Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) program.

#### **The AJRR Community**

Leaders in the orthopaedic profession make up the AJRR community:

- ✓ AJRR's Steering Committee is comprised of leading orthopaedic surgeons, hospital representatives, device and payer executives, and public members
- ✓ AJRR is owned by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) and is a multi-stakeholder, group comprised of Steering Committee members from the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons (AAHKS); American Hospital Association; American's Health Insurance Plans; Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed); The Hip Society; and The Knee Society
- ✓ Legal and business agreements were developed and executed by a preeminent health care attorney who specializes in registry development and deployment
- ✓ AJRR collaborates with a consortium of orthopaedic registries to help develop and maintain a worldwide component reference data set of orthopaedic implant information that pools the collective experience and available data
- ✓ User Group Network (Unet) of surgeon and staff champions who implement, use, and administer the Registry in their institutions
- ✓ AJRR is the Official Registry of AAHKS

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