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"The LCS  
difference is a  
BIG difference!"

## Total Knee Replacement As Simple As The Letters L C S

I'll get right to the point. LCS total knee replacement is without question the best prosthesis for patients.

Of course, I am assuming that patients want the very best prosthesis available. You can help. Please continue reading and you will find out how.

Patients and family members often ask nurses for advice about medical treatments and certain operations. The more you know, the better advice you will be able to give.



### All Total Knees Are Not Created Equal

I have a funny slide in one of my talks on knee joint arthritis that says "If you think all total knee prostheses are equal, you must believe that professional wrestling is real!" For those of you who think professional wrestling is real, you can stop reading now!

"We take your trust and confidence very seriously."

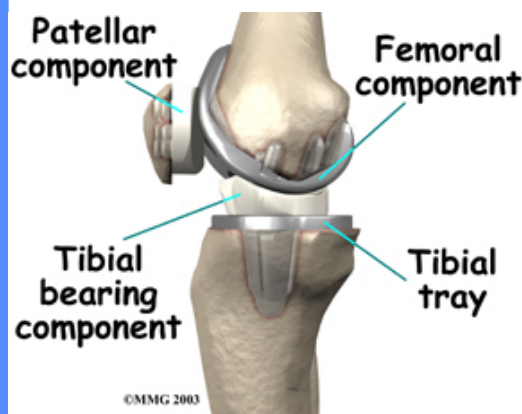
Many of you who know me already realize how zealous I am in trying to spread the gospel of LCS total knee prostheses to physicians and patients alike.

When Lee Iacocca was doing Chrysler commercials he used to say "If you can find a better car, buy it!" It applies to total knees also, I feel. I never have any fear that a better total knee will be found.

**Why? *It is so simple.***

LCS is the only total knee that works like your natural knee to flex and extend and rotate or pivot. No other total knee pivots. So what? Well, for starters it vastly reduces the stress on the polyethylene plastic spacer allowing the prosthesis to last for 20 years and counting. Is that a big deal? Most patients think so, if they are told about it.

No other total knee can say that. Plastic polyethylene breakdown is the chief reason why we have to revise other total knees. Polyethylene wear can destroy the knee if it is not recognized and the knee revised before too much damage occurs.



LCS stands for Low Contact Stress, which is what makes the prosthesis have such a long life. Think of it - - 20 years and counting!

What, me worry about patients finding a better total knee? Won't happen. I do worry that physicians, nurses and patients will not hear the message that I

am presenting.

I realize that it is confusing for physicians, nurses and patients because there are so many different total knee prostheses available.

The danger is to lump them all together and say they all must be good because they do about the same thing therefore, we don't need to worry about it or think about it any more. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Patients depend on you to give them correct advice and know what is best for them.

**"Dedicated to  
excellence."**

Hopefully by reading this you won't think of the total knee as a simple hinge. The prosthesis has to pivot and rotate too and LCS is the only total knee that does what the natural knee does.

Low contact stress on plastic polyethylene equals a long happy life for the prosthesis.

Happy prosthesis = happy patient.

Be a valuable resource to persons who ask for your advice.  
Educate them about what is best for them.

Good health.

Good life.

All the best to you.

Dr. Haverbush

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