

Arthroscopy in knee osteoarthritis

1. What grade of orthopaedic surgeon are you?

- Consultant
- Speciality Registrar
- Associate Specialist/Staff Grade

Other (please specify)

2. Are you aware of any RCT or systematic reviews that deal with knee arthroscopies in OA?

- Yes
- No

3. Are you aware of NICE guidelines on knee arthroscopies in OA?

- Yes
- No

4. Are the guidelines applicable to your practice?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

5. If you are aware of the guidelines, do you agree with them?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Stongly agree

6. Please explain your answer to question 5.

7. Do you think that knee arthroscopy delays the need for a TKR in knee OA?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Strongly Agree

8. Do you think that knee arthroscopy improves outcome in patients with knee OA?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Strongly agree

9. Do you feel under pressure to offer an operation to patients with knee OA who you do not think require a TKR?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Strongly agree

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10. Do you commonly use arthroscopy to diagnose OA knee?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

11. In patients with OA knee and no locking or mechanical symptoms, do you use arthroscopy to rule out other intra-articular pathology?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Strongly agree

12. Do you use arthroscopy to diagnose/treat patients with OA knee and mechanical symptoms, but no locking?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

13. Do you think arthroscopy has a place in 10 and 11 Above?

Yes

No

14. If yes, please expand on your answer.

15. In a patient where OA knee is a possible diagnosis, would a non-WB plain film +/- MRI sufficiently rule out significant OA, such that an arthroscopy could be appropriate?

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Niether disagree nor agree

Agree

Strongly agree

16. Are you aware of any financial incentive not to perform knee arthroscopy in patients with OA?

Yes

No

17. If yes, please expand on your answer.

18. Are you aware of any regulatory process in place designed to monitor knee arthroscopy in patients with OA?

Yes

No

19. If yes, please expand on your answer.

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20. Do you feel there are practical issues that result in offering, and performing, arthroscopies in patients with knee OA?

Yes

No

21. If yes, please expand on your answer.