

## Appropriateness for Total Joint Replacement: Perspectives of Decision-Makers

### Pertinence de l'arthroplastie totale : point de vue des décideurs

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1. First, about yourself. Can you please tell me your official title?
2. Can you please describe your role with respect to the delivery of joint replacement?
  - a. Could prompt whether it's related to allocating budget, planning, monitoring or management?
3. How would you define "appropriateness" for joint replacement?
  - a. Clinical definitions usually talk about risk versus benefit. How does the decision-maker definition of appropriateness differ?
  - b. Do you use: overuse, misuse, underuse to talk about appropriateness?
4. What role does the issue of appropriateness play in the delivery of joint replacement?
  - a. If the answer is "none", then ask why not?
5. What role, if any, should decision-makers play in determining appropriateness for joint replacement?
  - a. If the answer is "none", then ask why not?
6. What information do decision-makers need regarding appropriateness of joint replacement?
  - a. Is that information available currently?
  - b. If yes, where? What types of information sources are used?
  - c. If no, what are the implications of not having that information?
  - d. How should that information be used? Do you discuss appropriateness with clinicians to take financial decisions?
7. Our research team is developing a decision-support aid that will use both patient and surgeon perspectives to inform appropriateness. Some of the concepts to be included are pain, mobility, patient expectations and co-morbid conditions. Do you think that such a tool would be useful for decision-makers?
  - a. How could you imagine it being used by decision-makers?
    - i. Need to probe in terms of type of format, etc.
  - b. Would you add other concepts?