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Reasoning for Hip Replacement

The decision to proceed with a total hip replacement is never taken lightly. It is reached only after conservative options have been exhausted, symptoms are significantly affecting quality of life, and the patient is medically ready. Understanding the reasoning behind this decision helps patients feel confident and empowered throughout their journey.

THE TECHNIQUE

01 Establishing Indication

Bone-on-bone arthritis confirmed on weight-bearing X-ray.

02 Conservative Measures First

Physiotherapy, analgesia, and injections trialed before surgery.

03 Timing the Decision

Surgery is recommended when symptoms meaningfully limit daily life.

04 Patient Goals Alignment

Understanding what the patient wants to return to drives the plan.

AT A GLANCE

INDICATION

Bone-on-Bone

NON-OP

Trialed First

TIMING

Symptom-Driven

OUTCOME

Return to Life

"Surgery is not the first answer.

But when it is — it changes lives."

— Dr Chien-Wen Liew

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How do I know if I need a hip replacement?

The key indicator is persistent pain that meaningfully affects your quality of life despite conservative management.

Q. Does X-ray severity determine when I have surgery?

No. The X-ray guides us, but your symptoms and function are the primary drivers of any surgical decision.

Q. What if I am not ready emotionally?

That is perfectly valid. Surgery is elective and the timing is always a shared decision between you and Dr Liew.

ABOUT THE SURGEON

Dr Chien-Wen Liew exclusively performs total hip replacements via the direct anterior approach and total knee replacements via kinematic alignment only. He utilises patient-specific technology for both procedures, and practices from Orthopaedics 360 — within the Eastwood Private Hospital Precinct.

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