



Knee and hip replacement care you can count on.

Better care starts here.

Knee and hip replacement surgeries are among the fastest growing medical treatments in the country, according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

The cost of knee replacements averaged \$16,000 and hip replacements averaged \$17,500 in 2010, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality found.

To help members find hospitals and surgery facilities that provide high-quality knee and hip replacement surgery, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network join Blue plans across the country in designating Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ for Knee and Hip Replacement.

Hospitals and other health care providers that earn these designations show expertise in knee and hip replacement surgery, with fewer complications and repeat hospital stays. Facilities also must be nationally accredited.

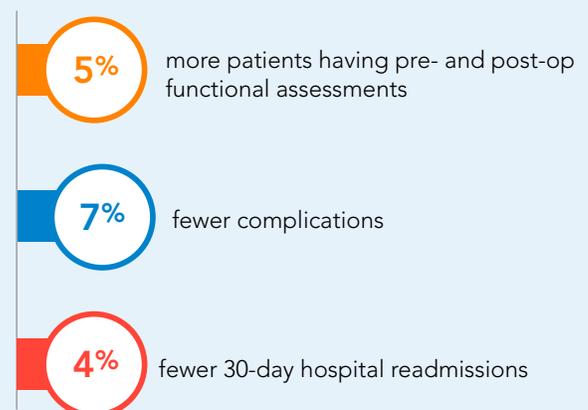
The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association evaluates new applicants and existing centers regularly against current clinical guidelines and quality of care measures, including:

- Number of procedures performed
- Track record of results for the procedures

The national Blue Distinction Specialty Care program helps you find health care facilities that provide high-quality care in certain specialties. These hospitals and other health care providers have a proven history of delivering care in this specialty with better results than other facilities. Those designated as Blue Distinction Centers+ are also recognized for their cost-efficiency.

The Blue Distinction Specialty Care program has helped patients face their specialty care procedures with confidence since 2006.

Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ for Knee and Hip Replacement show better results for patients, including:



Welcome to Blue Distinction® Specialty Care.



Find a Blue Distinction Center near you

You'll find Blue Distinction Centers and Blue Distinction Centers+ in 48 states and the District of Columbia.

- Go to **bcbsm.com** and log in to your member account, if you have one. If you don't, click on *Register now*.
- After logging in, click on *Find a doctor* under the *Doctors and Hospitals* tab.
- Scroll down, and click on the *Find care* link.
- Type "hospital" in the search field, and press Enter.
- Select a procedure type from the Blue Distinction list on the left side of the screen.
- Choose the hospital or facility that's right for you.

