

## Vanguard PS/Regenerex Total Knee Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the Vanguard PS/Regenerex femoral/tibial combination with all other total knee prostheses.

This combination has been identified as having a significantly higher rate of revision. For a detailed explanation of the process used by the Registry that results in identification of prostheses that have a higher than anticipated rate of revision please refer to the Prostheses with Higher than Anticipated Rates of Revision chapter of the most recent AOANJRR Annual Report, <https://aoanjrr.sahmri.com/annual-reports-2025>.

Note: Procedures using prostheses with no recorded use in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

**TABLE 1**

### Revision Rate of Primary Total Knee Replacement

The revision rate of the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses.

**Table 1: Revision Rates of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

Component	N Revised	N Total	Obs. Years	Revisions/100 Obs. Yrs (95% CI)
Vanguard PS/Regenerex	45	465	4257	1.06 (0.77, 1.41)
Other Total Knee	24707	721061	4535539	0.54 (0.54, 0.55)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24752</b>	<b>721526</b>	<b>4539795</b>	<b>0.55 (0.54, 0.55)</b>

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

**TABLE 2****Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses.

**Table 2: Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision (95% CI) of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

CPR	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs
Vanguard PS/Regenerex	3.2 (2.0, 5.3)	5.0 (3.3, 7.4)	7.1 (5.1, 9.9)	7.6 (5.5, 10.4)	7.8 (5.7, 10.6)	8.0 (5.9, 10.9)	8.6 (6.3, 11.5)	8.8 (6.5, 11.9)
Other Total Knee	1.0 (1.0, 1.0)	1.8 (1.8, 1.9)	2.4 (2.4, 2.4)	2.8 (2.8, 2.8)	3.2 (3.1, 3.2)	3.5 (3.4, 3.5)	3.8 (3.7, 3.8)	4.1 (4.0, 4.2)
CPR	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs
Vanguard PS/Regenerex	9.2 (6.8, 12.3)	9.6 (7.2, 12.9)	10.2 (7.6, 13.6)	10.8 (8.0, 14.4)	11.5 (8.5, 15.4)	11.5 (8.5, 15.4)		
Other Total Knee	4.4 (4.3, 4.5)	4.7 (4.7, 4.8)	5.1 (5.0, 5.1)	5.4 (5.3, 5.5)	5.7 (5.6, 5.8)	6.0 (5.9, 6.1)	6.4 (6.3, 6.5)	6.8 (6.7, 7.0)
CPR	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	
Vanguard PS/Regenerex								
Other Total Knee	7.3 (7.1, 7.4)	7.6 (7.4, 7.8)	7.9 (7.7, 8.1)	8.1 (7.9, 8.3)	8.4 (8.1, 8.6)	8.5 (8.2, 8.8)	8.6 (8.3, 8.9)	

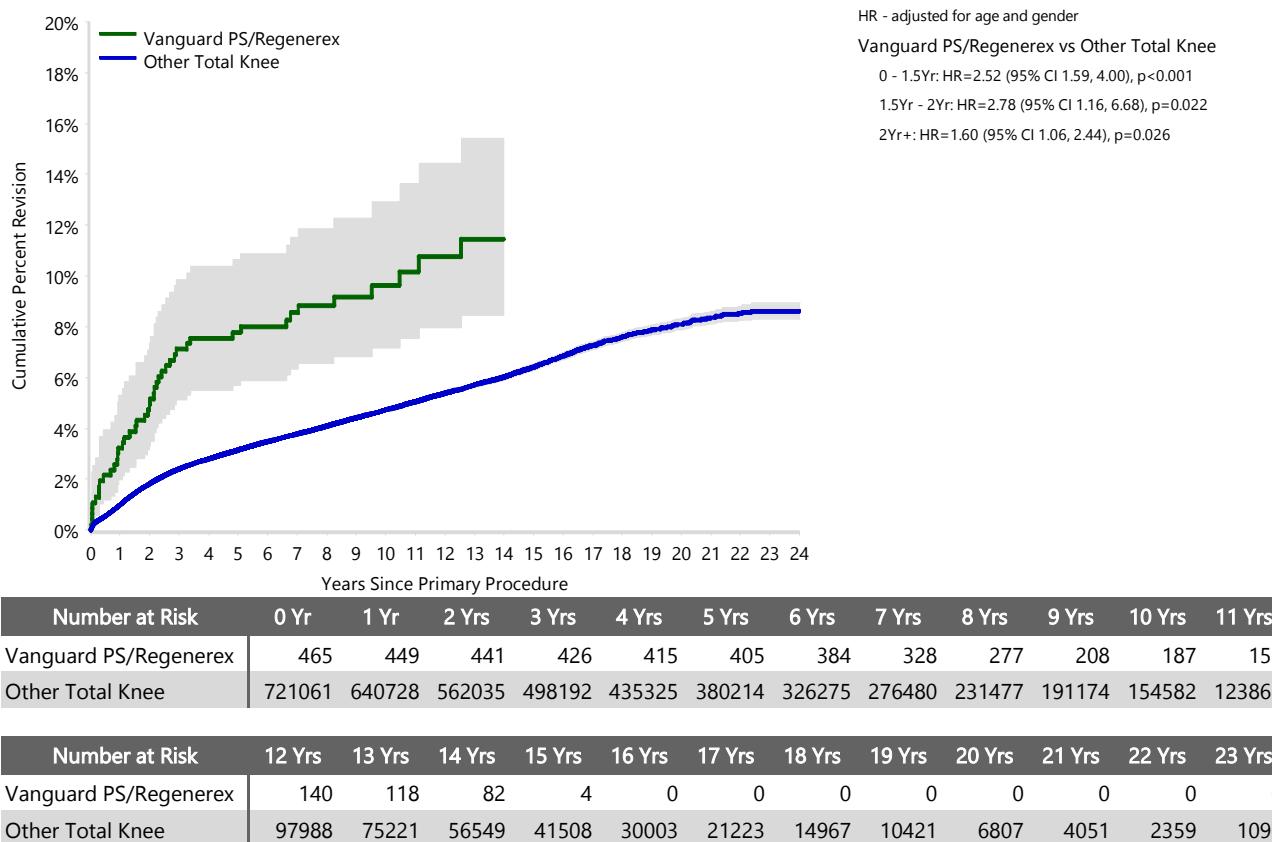
Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

**FIGURE 1****Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination is compared to all other total knee prostheses. In addition, hazard ratios are reported.

Hazard ratios are reported for specific time periods during which the hazard ratio is constant. This is done to enable more specific and valid comparisons of the risk of revision over time. The pattern of variation in risk has important implications with respect to the underlying reasons for any difference.

**Figure 1: Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Knee Replacement**



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**TABLE 3****Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Knee Replacement**

This table identifies the diagnosis of the primary procedure which was subsequently revised. This information is provided as there is a variation on outcome depending on the primary diagnosis. It is therefore important when considering the reasons for a higher than anticipated rate of revision that there is identification of the primary diagnosis. This information should be compared to the primary diagnosis for the revisions of all other total knee prostheses.

**Table 3: Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Knee Replacement**

Primary Diagnosis	Vanguard PS/Regenerex		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	45	100.0	23890	96.7
Rheumatoid Arthritis			301	1.2
Tumour			192	0.8
Other Inflammatory Arthritis			158	0.6
Osteonecrosis			90	0.4
Fracture			50	0.2
Other			25	0.1
Chondrocalcinosis			1	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24707</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**TABLE 4****Reasons for Revision**

This is reported in two ways: a percentage of primary procedures revised and as a percentage of all revision procedures.

**% Primaries Revised:** This shows the proportional contribution of each revision diagnosis as a percentage of the total number of primary procedures. This percentage can be used to approximate the risk of being revised for that diagnosis. Differing percentages between groups, with the same distribution of follow up time, may identify problems of concern.

**% Revisions:** The number of revisions for each diagnosis is expressed as a percentage of the total number of revisions. This shows the distribution of reasons for revision within a group but cannot be used as a comparison between groups.

**Table 4: Primary Total Knee Replacement - Reason for Revision (Follow-up Limited to 15.2 Years)**

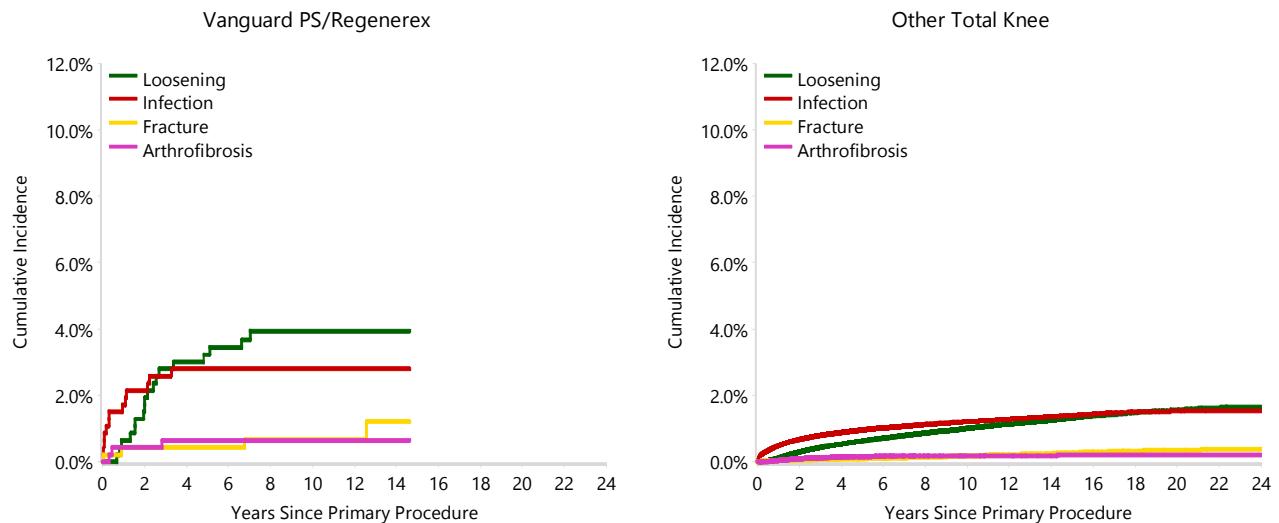
Revision Diagnosis	Vanguard PS/Regenerex			Other Total Knee		
	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	13	2.8	28.9	7034	1.0	28.9
Loosening	18	3.9	40.0	5156	0.7	21.2
Instability	2	0.4	4.4	2509	0.3	10.3
Patella Erosion				1769	0.2	7.3
Pain	2	0.4	4.4	1741	0.2	7.2
Patellofemoral Pain				1468	0.2	6.0
Arthrofibrosis	3	0.6	6.7	1047	0.1	4.3
Fracture	4	0.9	8.9	982	0.1	4.0
Malalignment				488	0.1	2.0
Wear Tibial Insert				301	0.0	1.2
Lysis				253	0.0	1.0
Incorrect Sizing	1	0.2	2.2	209	0.0	0.9
Implant Breakage Tibial Insert				183	0.0	0.8
Patella Maltracking				174	0.0	0.7
Bearing Dislocation				140	0.0	0.6
Implant Breakage Patella				131	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology	1	0.2	2.2	99	0.0	0.4
Prosthesis Dislocation				70	0.0	0.3
Synovitis				59	0.0	0.2
Osteonecrosis				46	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Femoral				41	0.0	0.2
Wear Patella	1	0.2	2.2	40	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Tibial				34	0.0	0.1
Tumour				30	0.0	0.1
Heterotopic Bone				13	0.0	0.1
Progression Of Disease				8	0.0	0.0
Wear Tibial				5	0.0	0.0
Incorrect Side				1	0.0	0.0
Patella Dislocation				1	0.0	0.0
Wear Femoral				1	0.0	0.0
Other				294	0.0	1.2
<b>N Revision</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24327</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>N Primary</b>	<b>465</b>			<b>721061</b>		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 15.2 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

**FIGURE 2****Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis of Primary Total Knee Replacement**

This figure details the cumulative incidence of the most common reasons for revision. The five most common reasons for revision are included as long as each of these reasons account for more than 10 procedures or at least 5% of all revisions for the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination. A comparative graph is provided of the cumulative incidence for the same reasons for revisions for all other total knee prostheses.

**Figure 2: Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis for Primary Total Knee Replacement**

**TABLE 5****Type of Revision Performed for Primary Total Knee Replacement**

This analysis identifies the components used in the revision of the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination and compares it to the components used in the revision of all other total knee prostheses.

The reason this analysis is undertaken is to identify whether there is one or more components which are being replaced that differ from the components replaced for revisions of all other total knee prostheses i.e. is there a difference in the type of revision undertaken for the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination compared to all other total knee prostheses.

**Table 5: Primary Total Knee Replacement - Type of Revision (Follow-up Limited to 15.2 Years)**

Type of Revision	Vanguard PS/Regenerex		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TKR (Tibial/Femoral)	21	46.7	5758	23.7
Tibial Component	4	8.9	1796	7.4
Femoral Component	3	6.7	1179	4.8
Cement Spacer	4	8.9	1071	4.4
Removal of Prostheses	1	2.2	123	0.5
Total Femoral			21	0.1
Reinsertion of Components			7	0.0
<b>N Major</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>9955</b>	<b>40.9</b>
Insert Only	8	17.8	7601	31.2
Patella Only	2	4.4	4129	17.0
Insert/Patella	1	2.2	2572	10.6
Minor Components	1	2.2	62	0.3
Cement Only			8	0.0
<b>N Minor</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>14372</b>	<b>59.1</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24327</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 15.2 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

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**TABLE 6****Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Fixation**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses have more than one fixation option. Additionally there are prostheses where an alternative to the recommended approach to fixation was used e.g. a cementless prosthesis that has been cemented or vice-versa.

**Table 6: Revised Number of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Fixation**

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cemented	0	2
Cementless	21	278
Hybrid (Tibial Cemented)	0	6
Hybrid (Tibial Cementless)	24	179
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>

**TABLE 7****Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Surface**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of bearing surfaces. All bearing surfaces used with this combination are listed.

**Table 7: Revised Number of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Surface**

Bearing Surface	N Revised	N Total
Non XLPE	44	453
XLPE + Antioxidant	1	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>

**TABLE 8****Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Mobility**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of bearing mobilities. All bearing mobilities used with this combination are listed.

**Table 8: Revised Number of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Bearing Mobility**

Bearing Mobility	N Revised	N Total
Fixed	45	465
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>

**TABLE 9****Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Stability**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of stabilities. All stabilities used with this combination are listed.

**Table 9: Revised Number of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Stability**

Stability	N Revised	N Total
Posterior Stabilised	45	465
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>

**TABLE 10****Revision Rates of Primary Total Knee Replacement by State**

This enables a state by state variation to be identified for the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination and provides the comparative data for each of the states for all other total knee prostheses.

The purpose of this analysis is to determine if the higher than anticipated rate of revision has widespread distribution between states. If there is widespread distribution then the reason for the higher than anticipated rate of revision is unlikely to be surgeon specific. If the prosthesis has been used in only a small number of states it is not possible to distinguish if the higher than anticipated rate of revision is related to the prosthesis, surgeon, technique or patient.

**Table 10: Revised Number of Primary Total Knee Replacement by State**

Component	State	N Revised	N Total
Vanguard PS/Regenerex	NSW	15	240
	VIC	26	194
	QLD	4	31
Other Total Knee	NSW	6834	236304
	VIC	5457	148735
	QLD	5317	152558
	WA	3259	85158
	SA	2886	66544
	TAS	390	13242
	ACT/NT	564	18520
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24752</b>	<b>721526</b>

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

**TABLE 11****Number of Revisions of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Year of Implant**

This analysis details the number of prostheses reported each year to the Registry for the Vanguard PS/Regenerex total knee combination. It also provides the subsequent number of revisions of the primaries reported in that year.

Primary procedures performed in later years have had less follow up time therefore the number revised is expected to be less than the number revised in earlier years. For example, a primary procedure performed in 2024 has a maximum of one year to be revised, whereas a primary procedure performed in 2022 has a maximum of three years to be revised.

**Table 11: Number of Revisions of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Year of Implant**

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2009	0	4
2010	11	121
2011	3	54
2012	3	27
2013	1	15
2014	1	21
2015	0	18
2016	7	76
2017	12	59
2018	5	56
2019	2	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>

**TABLE 12****Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Catalogue Number Range**

Many prostheses have a number of catalogue ranges. The catalogue range is specific to particular design features; more than one catalogue range usually indicates a minor difference in design in a particular Vanguard PS/Regenerex prosthesis.

This analysis has been undertaken to determine if the revision rate varies according to the catalogue number range.

Model	Catalogue Range	Catalogue Description	Cement	Fixation
<b>Femoral</b>				
Vanguard PS	183100-183136	VANGUARD PS OPEN BOX FEMORAL INTERLOK	YES	MATT
Vanguard PS	184500-184536	VANGUARD PS OPEN BOX FEMORAL POROUS COATED/BOND COATED	NO	POROUS
<b>Tibial</b>				
Regenerex	141270-141278	POROUS TIBIAL TRAY	NO	POROUS

**Table 12: Revised Number of Vanguard PS/Regenerex Primary Total Knee Replacement by Catalogue Number Range**

Femoral Range	Tibial Range	N Revised	N Total
183100-183136	141270-141278	24	181
184500-184536	141270-141278	21	284
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>465</b>