

Vanguard PS/Vanguard Total Knee Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the Vanguard PS/Vanguard 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/Vanguard 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/Vanguard	392	5405	52140	0.75 (0.68, 0.83)
Other Total Knee	24707	721061	4535539	0.54 (0.54, 0.55)
TOTAL	25099	726466	4587679	0.55 (0.54, 0.55)

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/Vanguard 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/Vanguard	1.8 (1.5, 2.2)	3.4 (2.9, 3.9)	4.2 (3.7, 4.8)	4.8 (4.2, 5.4)	5.3 (4.7, 5.9)	5.8 (5.2, 6.5)	6.1 (5.5, 6.8)	6.4 (5.8, 7.2)
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/Vanguard	6.8 (6.2, 7.6)	7.3 (6.6, 8.1)	7.6 (6.9, 8.4)	7.9 (7.1, 8.7)	8.3 (7.5, 9.2)	8.6 (7.7, 9.6)	9.5 (8.5, 10.7)	9.7 (8.6, 10.9)
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/Vanguard	9.7 (8.6, 10.9)	9.7 (8.6, 10.9)						
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)	

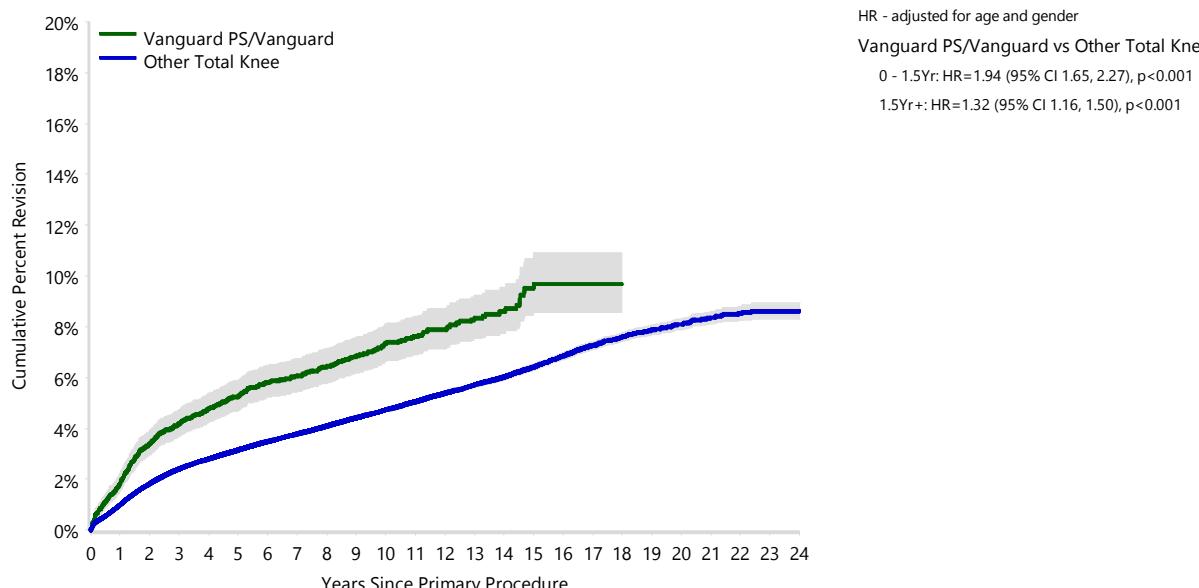
Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator.

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

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Vanguard PS/Vanguard 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



Number at Risk	0 Yr	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs
Vanguard PS/Vanguard	5405	5265	5146	4988	4769	4536	4239	3937	3563	3178	2719	2200
Other Total Knee	721061	640728	562035	498192	435325	380214	326275	276480	231477	191174	154582	123868

Number at Risk	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs
Vanguard PS/Vanguard	1795	1304	861	547	274	103	42	5	0	0	0	0
Other Total Knee	97988	75221	56549	41508	30003	21223	14967	10421	6807	4051	2359	1090

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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/Vanguard		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	378	96.4	23890	96.7
Rheumatoid Arthritis	10	2.6	301	1.2
Tumour			192	0.8
Other Inflammatory Arthritis	3	0.8	158	0.6
Osteonecrosis	1	0.3	90	0.4
Fracture			50	0.2
Other			25	0.1
Chondrocalcinosis			1	0.0
TOTAL	392	100.0	24707	100.0

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

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 19.4 Years)

Revision Diagnosis	Vanguard PS/Vanguard			Other Total Knee		
	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	100	1.9	25.5	7087	1.0	28.7
Loosening	129	2.4	32.9	5248	0.7	21.3
Instability	39	0.7	9.9	2536	0.4	10.3
Patella Erosion	16	0.3	4.1	1814	0.3	7.4
Pain	26	0.5	6.6	1760	0.2	7.1
Patellofemoral Pain	17	0.3	4.3	1479	0.2	6.0
Arthrofibrosis	8	0.1	2.0	1047	0.1	4.2
Fracture	14	0.3	3.6	1014	0.1	4.1
Malalignment	5	0.1	1.3	488	0.1	2.0
Wear Tibial Insert	5	0.1	1.3	320	0.0	1.3
Lysis	4	0.1	1.0	263	0.0	1.1
Incorrect Sizing	4	0.1	1.0	210	0.0	0.9
Implant Breakage Tibial Insert	4	0.1	1.0	204	0.0	0.8
Patella Maltracking	1	0.0	0.3	175	0.0	0.7
Bearing Dislocation	1	0.0	0.3	141	0.0	0.6
Implant Breakage Patella	2	0.0	0.5	132	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology	5	0.1	1.3	101	0.0	0.4
Prosthesis Dislocation	2	0.0	0.5	70	0.0	0.3
Synovitis				59	0.0	0.2
Osteonecrosis	1	0.0	0.3	46	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Femoral				44	0.0	0.2
Wear Patella				43	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Tibial	4	0.1	1.0	35	0.0	0.1
Tumour				30	0.0	0.1
Heterotopic Bone				14	0.0	0.1
Progression Of Disease				8	0.0	0.0
Wear Tibial				6	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	5	0.1	1.3	295	0.0	1.2
N Revision	392	7.3	100.0	24672	3.4	100.0
N Primary	5405			721061		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 19.4 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/Vanguard total knee combination. A comparative graph is provided of the cumulative incidence for the same reasons for revisions for all other total knee prostheses.

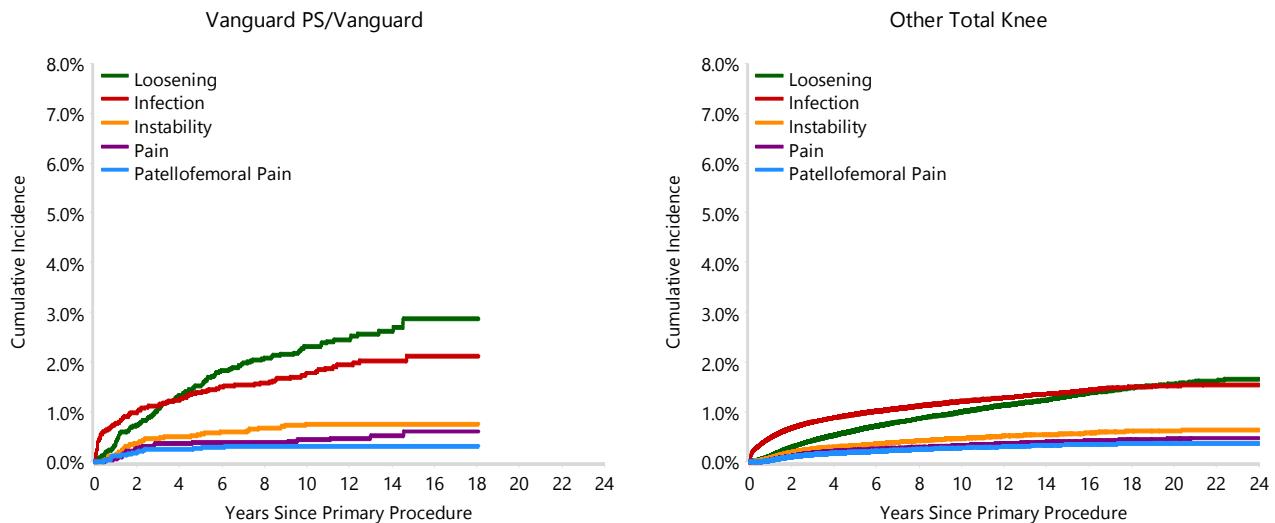
Figure 2: Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis for Primary Total Knee Replacement

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

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

Table 5: Primary Total Knee Replacement - Type of Revision (Follow-up Limited to 19.4 Years)

Type of Revision	Vanguard PS/Vanguard		Other Total Knee	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
TKR (Tibial/Femoral)	109	27.8	5894	23.9
Tibial Component	61	15.6	1802	7.3
Femoral Component	7	1.8	1184	4.8
Cement Spacer	30	7.7	1082	4.4
Removal of Prostheses			125	0.5
Total Femoral			22	0.1
Reinsertion of Components	3	0.8	7	0.0
N Major	210	53.6	10116	41.0
Insert Only	101	25.8	7663	31.1
Patella Only	55	14.0	4161	16.9
Insert/Patella	21	5.4	2660	10.8
Minor Components	5	1.3	63	0.3
Cement Only			9	0.0
N Minor	182	46.4	14556	59.0
TOTAL	392	100.0	24672	100.0

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 19.4 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

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

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

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cemented	350	4679
Cementless	1	13
Hybrid (Tibial Cemented)	41	711
Hybrid (Tibial Cementless)	0	2
TOTAL	392	5405

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

Bearing Surface	N Revised	N Total
Non XLPE	386	5289
XLPE + Antioxidant	6	114
Unknown	0	2
TOTAL	392	5405

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

Bearing Mobility	N Revised	N Total
Fixed	392	5402
Rotating	0	1
Unknown	0	2
TOTAL	392	5405

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

Stability	N Revised	N Total
Fully Stabilised	0	2
Hinged	0	1
Minimally Stabilised	0	1
Posterior Stabilised	392	5399
Unknown	0	2
TOTAL	392	5405

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/Vanguard 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/Vanguard	NSW	52	1025
	VIC	153	1795
	QLD	146	1799
	WA	2	4
	SA	23	334
	TAS	0	19
	ACT/NT	16	429
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
TOTAL		25099	726466

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

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

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2005	1	22
2006	4	81
2007	14	145
2008	28	321
2009	39	430
2010	48	478
2011	52	607
2012	47	561
2013	34	451
2014	42	523
2015	21	445
2016	13	331
2017	21	310
2018	9	205
2019	11	186
2020	4	136
2021	4	117
2022	0	56
TOTAL	392	5405

TABLE 12

Revision Rates of Vanguard PS/Vanguard 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/Vanguard 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	Mobility	Stability	Material	Coating	Fixation
Femoral								
Vanguard PS	183100-183136	VANGUARD PS OPEN BOX FEMORAL INTERLOK	YES				MATT	
Vanguard PS	183100TNBN-183136TNBN	VANGUARD PS OPEN BOX FEMORAL INTERLOK TINBN COATED	YES				MATT	
Vanguard PS	183200-183236	VANGUARD PS CLOSED BOX FEMORAL INTERLOK	YES				MATT	
Vanguard PS	184500-184536	VANGUARD PS OPEN BOX FEMORAL POROUS COATED/BOND COATED	NO				POROUS	
Tibial								
Vanguard	141210-141219	TITANIUM PRIMARY INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES			METAL	MATT	
Vanguard	141221-141227	COCR I-BEAM MODULAR INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES				MATT	
Vanguard	141230-141238	COCR FINNED MODULAR INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY W/LOCKING BAR	YES				MATT	
Vanguard	141241-141247	COCR I-BEAM MODULAR POLISHED INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES			METAL	POLISHED	
Vanguard	141250-141258	COCR FINNED MODULAR POLISHED INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES			METAL	POLISHED	
Vanguard	141250TNBN-141258TNBN	COCR TINBN FINNED MODULAR POLISHED INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES			METAL	POLISHED	
Vanguard	141260-141268	TITANIUM PRIMARY POROUS TIBIAL TRAY	NO				POROUS	
Vanguard	141361-141367	COCR FINNED HIGHLY POLISHED POROUS & HA TIBIAL TRAY	NO				HA COATED	POROUS
Vanguard	141480-141488	TITANIUM OFFSET INTERLOK TIBIAL TRAY	YES					
Vanguard	185200-185208	360 TIBIAL TRAY W/ TI LOCKING BAR & SCREW	YES			METAL		
Vanguard	189420-189528	VANGUARD PS MONO-LOCK DCM TIBIAL BEARING/I-BEAM BEARING ARCOM UHMWPE	YES	FIXED	POSTERIOR STABILISED	NON CROSS-LINKED POLYETHYLENE		

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

Femoral Range	Tibial Range	N Revised	N Total
183100-183136	141210-141219	55	410
	141221-141227	6	52
	141230-141238	13	334
	141241-141247	31	304
	141250-141258	236	3394
	141250TNBN-141258TNBN	3	35
	141260-141268	0	3
	141480-141488	3	23
	185200-185208	1	27
	189420-189528	0	3
183100TNBN-183136TNBN	141210-141219	0	1
	141250TNBN-141258TNBN	0	7
183200-183236	141210-141219	0	6
	141230-141238	0	12
	141241-141247	0	9
	141250-141258	2	47
	141480-141488	0	3
	189420-189528	0	8
184500-184536	141210-141219	1	18
	141230-141238	3	23
	141241-141247	0	26
	141250-141258	36	619
	141250TNBN-141258TNBN	1	7
	141260-141268	0	1
	141361-141367	1	13
	141480-141488	0	3
	185200-185208	0	2
	189420-189528	0	15
TOTAL		392	5405