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Patients' Preferences for Choosing a Surgeon to Decrease Waiting Times for Joint Replacement

Patients in Canada face significant waiting times for hip and knee total joint replacement (TJR). Offering the choice of next available surgeon may help to improve access. We assessed patient preferences for surgeon choice using a discrete choice experiment in adults referred as candidates for TJR. We found that offering the choice of next available surgeon provides an alternative option to patients for shorter waiting times. However, surgeon reputation is a key consideration, although typically poorly assessed by patients.

Learning objectives:

- Identify factors that are important trade-offs for patients in the referral process for joint replacement surgery given long waiting times
- Explore how patient preferences might be used to inform health policy options to manage waiting times.

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