

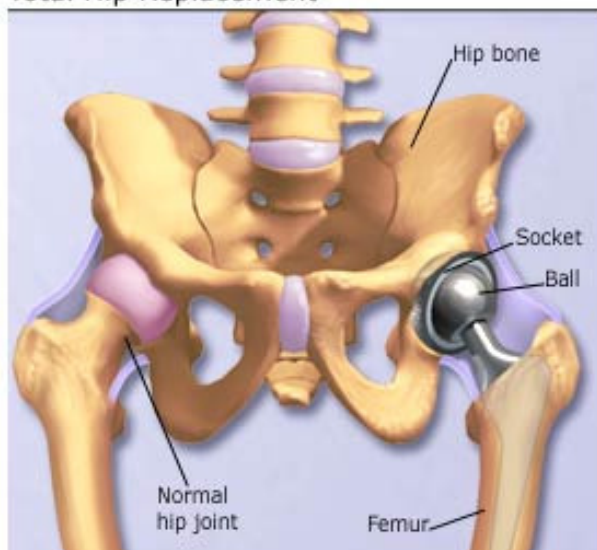
Do you have an artificial joint? Don't put it at risk!

Routine dental procedures can cause problems with your artificial joint. Luckily, it can easily be avoided. Certain patients need to take antibiotic premedication before most dental appointments. It is an easy prescription...usually four capsules one hour before your appointment.

The flowchart on the next page shows who might need to take antibiotics before dental appointments.

Be sure you inform us about any artificial joints.

Total Hip Replacement



Has it been over 2 years since you had your **joint replacement surgery**?

YES

NO

Do you fall into any of the following categories:

- Previous infections in your artificial joints;
- Have an inflammatory type of arthritis
- Have type 1 (insulin-dependent) diabetes
- Have hemophilia
- Suppressed immune system
- Malnourished
- History of malignancy

YES

NO

Antibiotic premedication is needed.

Are you having any of these dental procedures:

- Extractions
- Periodontal procedures
- Cleaning
- Implant placement surgery
- Root canal treatment

YES

NO

Antibiotic premedication *not* needed.

Antibiotic premedication is needed.

Antibiotic premedication *may or may not* needed; further evaluation required.