

Patient information "Quality assurance of the artificial joint" (Translated from German)

Dear Patient

You presented yourself to the Schulthess Clinic because of a shoulder disease. The upper extremity team will be interested in finding out how you are doing with your joint replacement after the operation.

The Schulthess Clinic therefore offers all patients after an artificial joint implantation the opportunity to have the functional condition of their joints checked over the long term as part of a special consultation. In this way, possible changes to the artificial joint can be recognized at an early stage and, if necessary, appropriate treatment can be initiated. In addition, with this consultation we can guarantee quality management for all patients with artificial joints. Both positive and negative feedback give us the opportunity to further optimize our treatment results. With this information sheet, we would like to inform you about the follow-up process.

Content of the follow-ups

Before your operation you will be examined orthopedically, and a self-assessment questionnaire will supplement this examination. The information from this preliminary examination, in addition to the follow-up check-ups, provides the opportunity to compare your condition before the operation with the examinations after the operation. This allows us to determine what has changed for you as a result of the operation.

The orthopedic examinations show the changes in mobility and strength, the questionnaires show possible changes in your quality of life. In addition, an X-ray image provides precise information about the position of the artificial joint. Ultrasound examinations can help to assess the soft tissues surrounding the joint.

Organization of the follow-ups

The follow-up check-ups will take place with your surgeon 6 months and 2 years after the operation. If necessary, there is an additional check-up after 1 year, this will be determined by the surgeon.

After the two-year check-up by the surgeon, you will receive follow-up care as part of the artificial joint consultation. The follow-up examinations are a regular part of the follow-up care for artificial joints. You will be invited for a follow-up at 5 years, 10 years and 15 years after the operation. All follow-up visits include an orthopedic exam, an X-ray, an ultrasound scan, and a self-assessment questionnaire. If necessary, you can of course contact us at the Schulthess Clinic at any time.

Questions? If you have any questions about the follow-up check-ups, you can contact the follow-up office (Tel .: 044 385 7586) or your surgeon at any time.