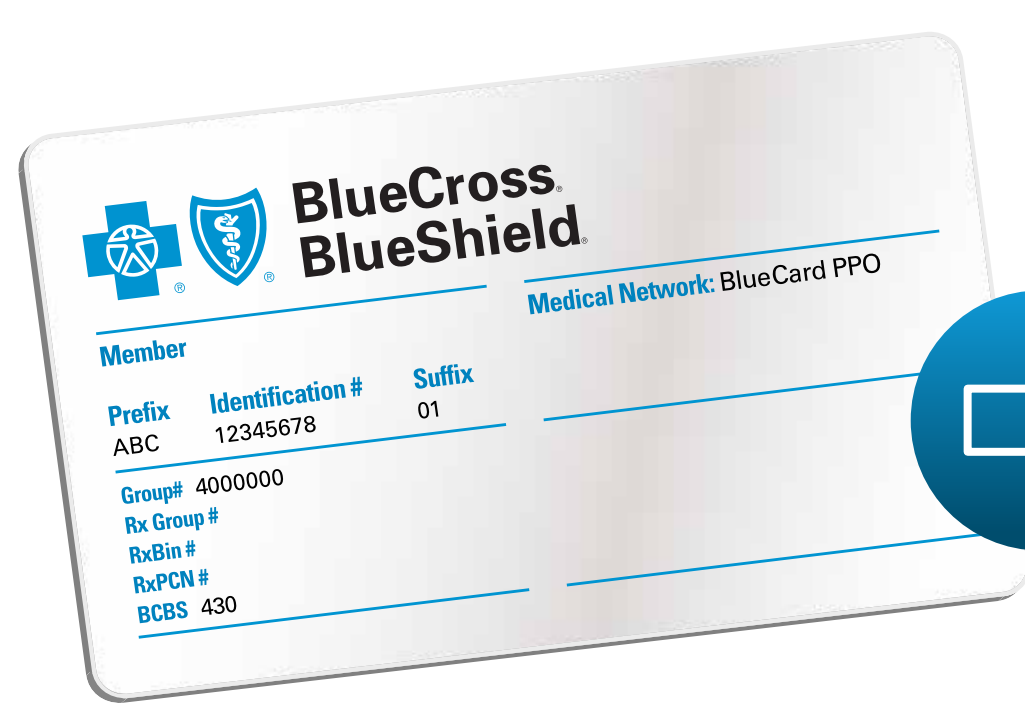


KNOW WHAT MATTERS

Inpatient vs. Outpatient: a key variable in managing costs

As orthopedic procedures rise, becoming more informed about potential options for planned knee and hip replacement surgeries could help control cost. Powered by our Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Health of America Report® Series, we created this infographic to share key insights that can empower your employees to make the best choices for their care with their doctor. In some cases, choosing an outpatient setting could result in big savings.



DATA IS FROM EXAMINING
THE MEDICAL CLAIMS OF



49M

ADULT BCBS COMMERCIALY
INSURED MEMBERS

2017 TRENDS

Cost and quality of care for planned knee and hip
replacement procedures

242,000





ADULT BCBS MEMBERS UNDER THE AGE OF 65
UNDERWENT A PLANNED KNEE OR HIP REPLACEMENT



PLANNED KNEE AND HIP OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES
ARE 30% TO 40% LESS EXPENSIVE ON AVERAGE THAN
INPATIENT PROCEDURES

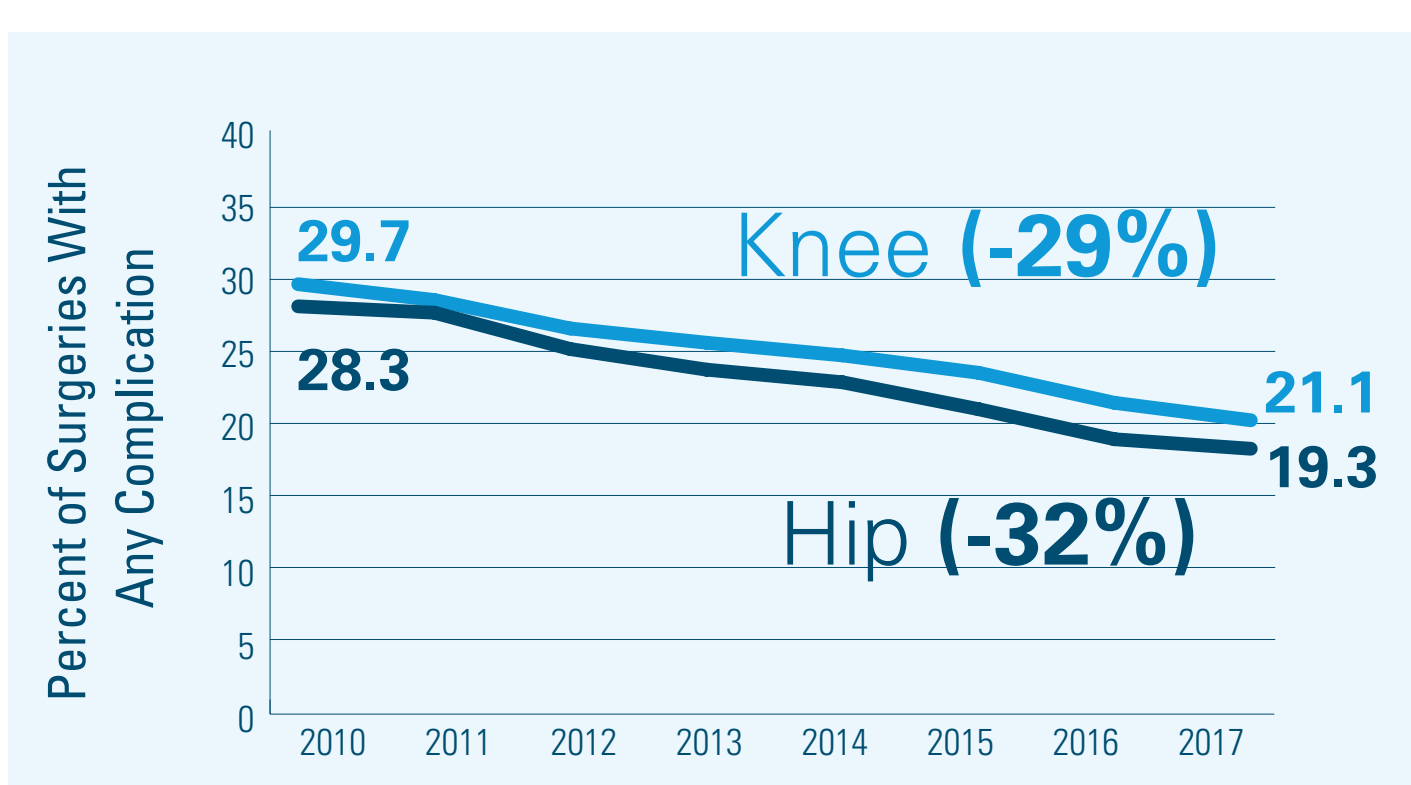
DESPITE POTENTIAL SAVINGS, ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THESE
PROCEDURES WERE PERFORMED ON AN OUTPATIENT BASIS

	OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION	INPATIENT COST	OUTPATIENT COST
 KNEE	11%	\$30,249	\$19,002
 HIP	8%	\$30,685	\$22,078

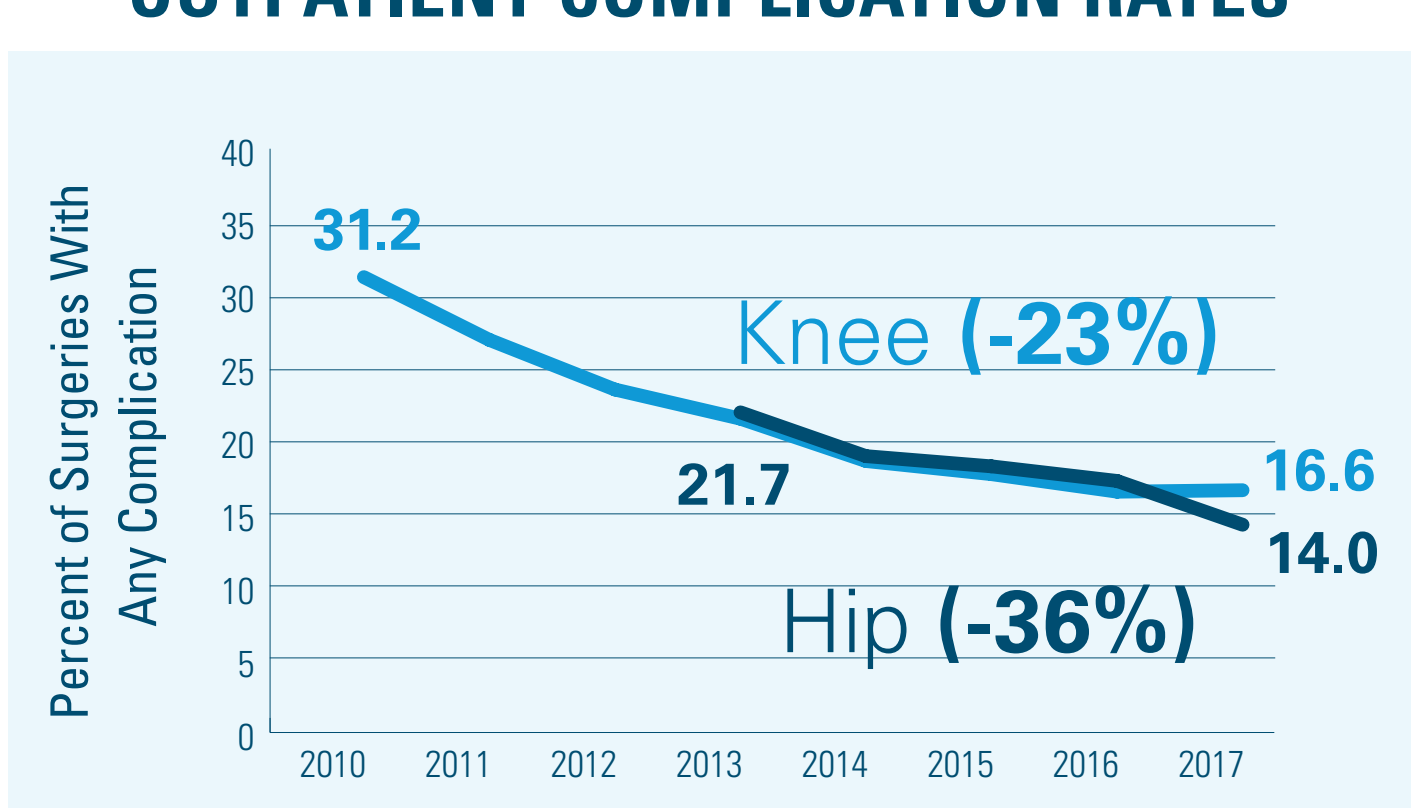
THERE HAVE BEEN IMPROVEMENTS IN QUALITY
OUTCOMES FOR BOTH INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT
SETTINGS OVER THE PAST EIGHT YEARS

IN FACT, IN 2017, COMPLICATION RATES FOR KNEE AND HIP PROCEDURES IN AN
OUTPATIENT SETTING WERE LOWER THAN THOSE IN AN INPATIENT SETTING*

INPATIENT COMPLICATION RATES



OUTPATIENT COMPLICATION RATES



*Complication rates are not adjusted for case mix severity; therefore, caution should be used in comparing differences in rates between the inpatient and outpatient settings.



KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- On a general basis, do you know where your employees' knee or hip procedures are being performed?
- Do you know the quality of care and outcomes for the providers facilitating these procedures?
- What impact could a shift to more cost-effective locations make to your medical cost?
- Do you have education in place to help employees understand the quality and cost benefits of having these procedures in an outpatient setting so they can have an informed conversation with their doctor?

We're here to help answer all your questions regarding cost control and orthopedic care. Visit smarterbetterhealthcare.com to contact your local BCBS company and to read the full eBook, *Controlling Cost as Orthopedic Procedures Rise*.