

NexGen[®] CR-Flex Fixed Bearing Knee

Brochure





For the CR surgeon ...

... who seeks a prosthesis that emulates both the anatomy and function of the natural knee.

Who strives to give TKA patients every opportunity to resume the activities that define their lifestyle.



The increasing demand for high flexion

Designing knee implants for a changing patient population means accommodating the opportunities that the patient brings to the table. Today, many patients have the ability and desire to resume high-flexion activities after TKA. The design of a knee implant should enhance, not inhibit, those opportunities.

While high flexion may be possible with traditional cruciate retaining implants, their design may not be optimized for safe flexion that exceeds 120 degrees. The NexGen CR-Flex Fixed Knee is designed to safely accommodate flexion up to 155 degrees for patients with the ability and desire to do so, while maintaining the kinematic function that allows natural rollback in a cruciate retaining knee prosthesis.

The specific demands of the CR surgeon

Specifically designed for the CR surgeon, the CR-Flex Knee represents an enhancement of the highly successful NexGen CR Knee. It's a good choice for all CR patients because it offers new design elements that address not only high flexion, but all the important issues faced by CR surgeons. Consider the knee that is tight in flexion and acceptable in extension. CR-Flex offers minus size femoral components that are 2 mm smaller in the A/P dimension. Without removing additional bone, the minus size options help the CR surgeon balance the flexion and extension gaps.



Designed specifically for the CR surgeon



Accommodating flexion to 155 degrees with kinematic rollback

With traditional TKA designs, the contact area between the posterior femoral condyles and the tibial bearing decreases as the knee moves into higher flexion angles. Also, high flexion may be somewhat limited by impingement of the quadriceps mechanism on the front of the tibial bearing.

Specific design features of the CR-Flex Knee help maintain adequate tibiofemoral contact during high flexion and provide greater clearance for the patellar tendon. These features allow the kinematics of the NexGen CR design to continue into deep flexion angles.

Lowered Height of the Lateral Condyle

decreases the tightness of the lateral retinacular ligament during high flexion.

Wider Intercondylar Opening

optimizes internal/external rotation during high flexion and provides more space for the PCL.

Lateral Distal Radius Extended Posteriorly

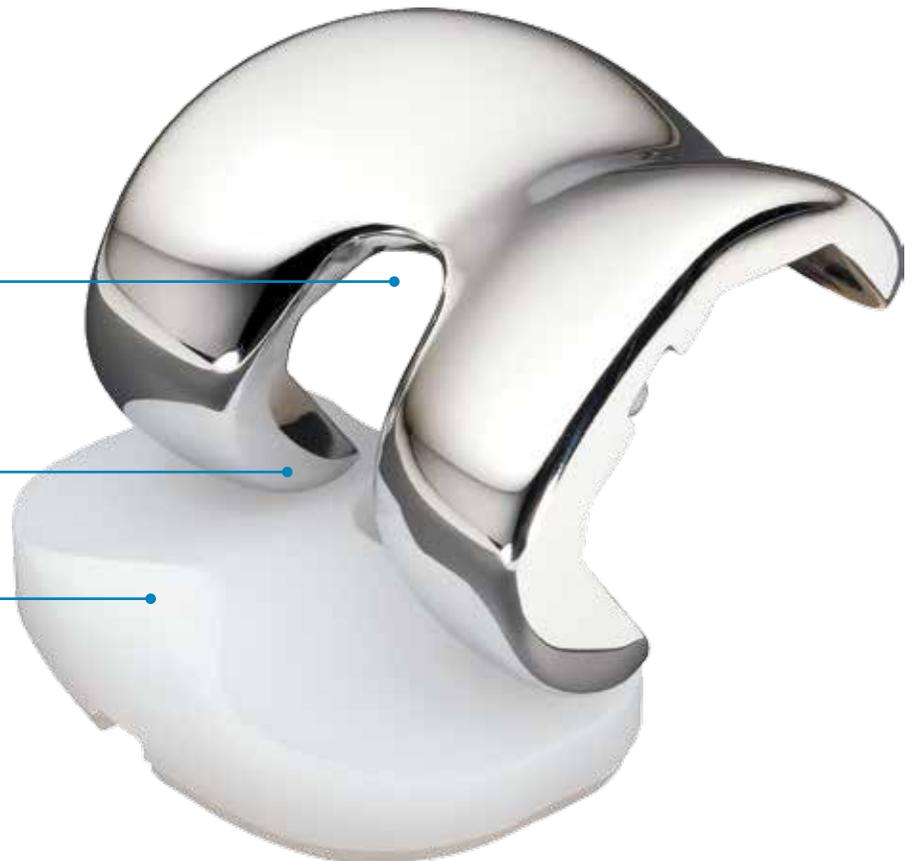
to further aid natural anteroposterior rollback when the PCL is present. Posterior femoral radius is extended further in flexion to provide greater femoral/tibial contact area in high flexion.

Deeper Anterior Cutout

minimizes the potential for patella impingement during high flexion.

Narrower M/L Width

allows more flexibility in mediolateral positioning of the component and helps maintain optimal patellar tracking.



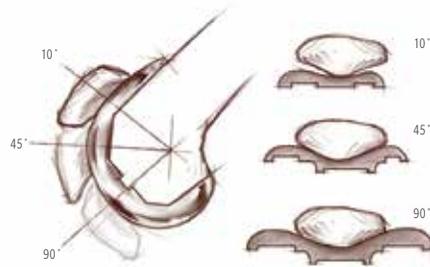
Continuing the Nexgen CR Tradition



Tibiofemoral Kinematics

Asymmetrical femoral condyles work in concert with the PCL to facilitate normal asymmetric rollback of the femur on the tibia during flexion.¹

The lateral distal radius of CR-Flex is extended posteriorly to further aid natural anteroposterior rollback when the PCL is present.



Patellofemoral Articulation

The intercondylar geometry is identical to NexGen CR with current NexGen CR Patellar Instrumentation and Implants.



Tibiofemoral Conformity

Contact stresses are distributed over a wide area and slightly dished curvature to avoid unnecessary constraint.

Enhanced CR-Flex Design Features

Options to fit specific needs

Minus Sizing Options

One common problem faced by CR surgeons is a knee that is tight in flexion, but fine in extension. Using a thinner tibial bearing may address the flexion problem, but it may result in a knee that is loose in extension. Many surgeons will balance the joint either by performing a ligament release, or by removing more bone from the posterior condyles.

The CR-flex knee offers minus sizing options to provide an additional means of adjusting the flexion gap without affecting the extension gap. The minus size femoral components, which are 2 mm smaller in the A/P dimension only, help balance the gaps without removing more bone from the posterior condyles or additional soft tissue release.



Precoat



Porous



Option

Prolong™ Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene

Tibial bearings are available in a choice of net-shape compression molded polyethylene or Prolong Highly Crosslinked Polyethylene, which helps to reduce surface wear by 81% in laboratory tests² and resist compression and tensile stresses that can cause subsurface fatigue.

In laboratory testing, accelerated aged Prolong Polyethylene CR bearings showed no evidence of delamination at eight million cycles. Delamination is a separation into layers that can be characterized by pitting.*

Interchangeability

Interchangeability allows the surgeon to switch from a cruciate retaining design to a posterior stabilized design intraoperatively. Also, interchangeability is possible between the standard NexGen Components and the NexGen Flex Components. The same instrumentation systems can be used for all NexGen CR designs.

Fixation Options

Fixation surface options include commercially pure titanium fiber metal, PMMA precoating, and a noncoated surface, all for cemented fixation.



Advance Offering of Options

References:

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 2. Wear reduction of 81% when compared to standard Zimmer knee polyethylene. The results of in vitro wear tests have not been shown to correlate with clinical wear mechanisms. These highly crosslinked components are designed for posterior ligament retention and are intended to be used as part of a cemented knee system.
- * Data on file. The results of in vitro delamination tests have not been shown to correlate with clinical delamination mechanisms.

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