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Knee implant shows promise

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A device developed by Memphis-based Active Implants LLC has successfully been utilized in a surgery in the U.S.

Active Implants manufactures the NUsurface Meniscus Implant, which has been in use outside the U.S. The procedure was performed at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center by [Christopher Kaeding](#), professor and executive director of OSU Sports Medicine.

Active Implants is currently conducting clinical trials at seven sites in the U.S. It is designed to treat patients with persistent knee pain deriving from an injured or deteriorated meniscus.

"There aren't many options for these patients, unfortunately. Once the meniscus is damaged, pain sets in and can lead to arthritis and the need for knee replacement surgery," Kaeding says. "If this implant works as well as we think it will, it fills a gap in our treatment for those with meniscus injuries. We're hoping this implant can not only alleviate the pain in these patients but help them delay or altogether avoid a knee replacement surgery."

Active Implants conducted trials of the implant in Europe and Israel.

"Clinical studies outside the U.S. have demonstrated the potential clinical benefits of our NUsurface Meniscus Implant for patients with early knee osteoarthritis," says [Henry Klyce](#), chairman and CEO of Active Implants. "We are confident that with this study we will demonstrate for superiority of the NUsurface Meniscus Implant over standard-of-care treatments."

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