

**Mayo Clinic Medical Edge**  
***Superobese Joint Replacement***

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<b>Log</b>	<b>Audio</b>
<b>Intro with music</b>	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	COMMON SENSE SUGGESTS THAT EXTRA BODY WEIGHT PUTS ADDED STRESS ON OUR BONES AND JOINTS. AND THAT MAY HASTEN THE NEED FOR KNEE AND HIP REPLACEMENTS. BUT A COUPLE OF RECENT STUDIES AT MAYO CLINIC FIND THE HEAVIEST OF PATIENTS; THOSE WITH A BMI OF MORE THAN 50 MAY NEED TO THINK A LITTLE HARDER ABOUT THOSE SURGERIES.
<b>David Lewallen, M.D.</b>	"WITH INCREASING BODY WEIGHT, WITH INCREASING OBESITY, THERE IS A RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLICATIONS

	THAT OCCUR.”
	DR. DAVID LEWALLEN SAYS MORE THAN HALF THE HIP PATIENTS AND 40 PERCENT OF THE KNEE PATIENTS EXPERIENCED COMPLICATIONS. HE FEELS BOTH PATIENTS AND DOCTORS SHOULD DISCUSS THE RISKS AND WHETHER THE SURGERY SHOULD BE DONE.
<b>Dr. Lewallen</b>	“I TELL MANY OF THEM THAT IT MAY BE FORTUNATE THAT THEY HAVE THE JOINT PROBLEM BECAUSE IT FORCES THE ISSUE, REQUIRES THAT WE ADDRESS THE WEIGHT PROBLEM WHICH MAY ACTUALLY BE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THEM IN TERMS OF THEIR HEALTH AND LONGEVITY THAN GETTING THEIR KNEE OR THEIR HIP FIXED.”
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT <a href="http://MAYOCLINIC.ORG">MAYOCLINIC.ORG</a> . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

