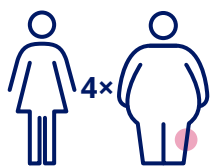
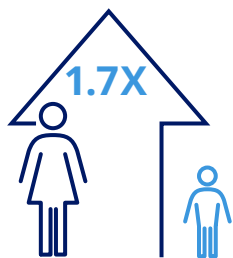


Obesity is a **key risk factor** for developing **knee osteoarthritis**¹

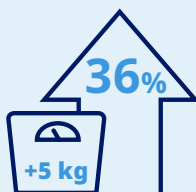


4× greater risk of knee osteoarthritis in people with **obesity**²



Women are **1.7 times more likely to have knee osteoarthritis** than men³

Each **5 kg** weight gain



increases knee osteoarthritis risk by **36%**⁴

People living with obesity are **25% more likely to need revision knee surgery**



within 10 years after their initial surgery, compared to those with a normal weight⁵

Every **5 kg** weight loss



reduces knee load by **4×** per step⁶

Weight loss can ease joint pain and improve physical function in people with knee osteoarthritis⁷

WEIGHT REDUCTION

AND A HEALTHY, ACTIVE LIFESTYLE MAY ALSO HELP TO:

- ✓ Alleviate chronic pain⁸
- ✓ Improve mobility and joint function⁸
- ✓ Lower obesity-related cardiovascular disease risks⁹
- ✓ Lower risk of emotional distress and depression¹⁰



Improving the health of PwO with knee osteoarthritis

Physicians should promote weight loss as the foundation of care, along with other lifestyle changes and healthy living:



Weight loss is the first recommendation in every major guideline (EULAR, ACR, OARSI) for managing knee osteoarthritis and symptomatic pain¹¹



Consider obesity medications as a tool to support sustainable weight loss along with other lifestyle changes¹²



Boosting mobility for better health. As mobility improves, patients become more active and are better able to lose weight, reducing joint strain and enhancing cardiovascular health^{1,7,9}

The material is intended for healthcare professionals' educational purposes only.

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