On June 7, 2017, The Journal of Knee Surgery published an article titled, “Unusually High Rate of Early Failure of Tibial Component in ATTUNE Total Knee Arthroplasty System at Implant–Cement Interface,” raising questions regarding the performance of the ATTUNE® Knee Tibial Base.¹

DePuy Synthes provided a formal response to this article that included an assessment of the statements in the article, as well as provided a summary of the broader published clinical and registry data supporting the performance of the ATTUNE Knee System. The DePuy Synthes response can be found at this link.

The Journal of Knee Surgery has now received and published a letter to the editor from Dr. Michael Mont of the Cleveland Clinic, outlining similar limitations as the DePuy Synthes response.² Dr. Mont’s letter to the editor cites the lack of a denominator and lack of level 4 (detailed) data. You can see Dr. Mont’s response here.

Dr. Mont concluded that he would like to think the results observed by Bonutti, et al.¹ are an isolated group of failures.² An isolated group like this could be the results from any medical device, irrespective of manufacturer.²

The comprehensive evidence on the performance of the ATTUNE Knee is available at www.ATTUNEevidence.com (US) and www.provingthepromise.com (EMEA), and includes data from registries and clinical studies.

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