

## Real People, Real Medical Device Stories

*“After an initial knee replacement in the summer of 2010, I endured a year of never ending pain and could not work. An x-ray eventually revealed that the knee implant was defective and had to be replaced.” – Diane Henifin, Longmont, CO*



Diane Henifin was hoping that knee replacement surgery would bring her relief from the problems she has experienced in both knees. But her experience with her first knee replacement turned out to be a nightmare and she's worried about what the future holds.

Diane had her first knee replacement done in 2010. She suffered through a year of intense pain following her surgery and was unable to work. She was convinced something was terribly wrong but her doctor insisted she was just being too sensitive. Diane wasn't imagining the pain. By year's end, she had a second surgery to replace the implant after tests showed that the device was defective and had become separated. She still needs to get the second knee replacement done and is concerned about whether she'll experience problems with another defective device.

An estimated 10 percent of knee replacements require revision surgery, like the one Diane endured, within ten years. Small manufacturing flaws can cause poor function and other complications for patients, such as dislocation of the device following surgery and the failure of the device to fuse properly to the patient's leg bones.