

Chapter 1  
History of Elbow Joint Replacement  
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The history of elbow joint replacement is a long and varied one. It is a story of the evolution of surgical techniques and the development of new materials and designs. The first attempts at elbow replacement were made in the 1930s and 1940s, but they were largely unsuccessful. It was not until the 1960s and 1970s that the modern elbow prosthesis began to take shape. The work of Bernard F. Morrey and his colleagues was instrumental in this process. They developed the first truly functional elbow prosthesis, which allowed patients to return to a more normal range of motion and to perform many of the activities of daily living. This was a major breakthrough in the field of orthopedics. Since then, the design of elbow prostheses has continued to improve, and today there are a variety of options available to patients who need elbow replacement. The history of elbow joint replacement is a testament to the ingenuity and perseverance of the medical profession.

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