

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 field began to take shape. The development of the humero-ulnar joint prosthesis by Bernard Morrey and his colleagues was a major breakthrough. This design allowed for a more natural range of motion and stability. Over the years, there have been many other designs and materials, but the basic principles of elbow replacement have remained largely the same. Today, elbow joint replacement is a well-established and successful surgical procedure, and it continues to evolve as new technologies and techniques are developed.

## Joint replacement arthroplasty : basic science, elbow and shoulder

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