

Patient Disclosure

Clinical/Surgical Research, Product Development, Product Selection and Clinical Expectations.



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Dear Patient:

As you prepare for your upcoming surgery; we want to provide you with timely information regarding your Total Joint Surgery.

Dr. Thomas Tkach and Dr. Warren Low have been active in their careers with research and development of new implants, improved surgical instruments and techniques. As part of this work, they have been part of clinical / surgical study groups, have co-authored a number of scientific papers, lectured, trained surgeons, medical personnel and orthopaedic device representatives over the years. Their work and experience brings to their practice the latest techniques and technology to you – their patient. Often, their working relationships are under contract with orthopaedic companies, providing consulting services on new products, technology and input on research and development. In return for this time and expertise, Drs. Tkach and Low have been paid a consulting fee, received royalties and/or equity for their contribution to Intellectual Property (designs). Please note: Drs. Tkach and Low do not receive any royalties on implants they use on their patients.

Both use a variety of technologies and devices in their selection for the best possible outcome for their patients.

As with all surgery there are inherent risks that any surgery holds. We want you to feel comfortable in discussing any-and-all of your concerns with our office and your surgeon.

Currently, both Dr. Tkach and Dr. Low have a number of relationships that they wish to disclose to their patients. Both have a financial relationship in The McBride Clinic, The McBride Orthopaedic Hospital, are paid consultants to Onmilife sciences and Dr. Tkach is a non-compensated Clinical/Surgical Research Advisor to The Joint Implant Surgery & Research Foundation (not for profit since 1971) that receives compensation from the implant medical device industry.

Drs. Tkach and Low's practice uses products from Onmilife science in the care of patients, but also uses similar products from other implant manufacturers. We want to assure you that the selection of which product to use in your care - and the care of all of our patients - is based only on what is best for the patient, not on which company makes the product.

Both Drs. Tkach and Low are members of a number of professional societies including the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, (AAOS) which holds its members to extremely high ethical standards to ensure that even the appearance of a conflict of interest does not jeopardize the trust that patients place in our doctors.

AAOS has adopted Standards of Professionalism that require orthopaedic surgeon members to identify and disclose potential conflicts of interest to their patients, the public, and colleagues. These Standards also clearly articulate how and under what circumstances AAOS members may work with and be compensated by industry, as well as the penalties for failure to comply.

You can learn more about these Standards of Professionalism at the AAOS website: <http://www.aaos.org/industryrelationships> or request a copy from our office.

It is important to our office that you are aware of these relationships with research foundations, professional societies and implant manufacturers, that our office puts the interests of patients first, and that we are available to answer any questions that you may have.