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**Thuasne
Vs Breg**

Rebel Reliever®



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Introduction

You will find in this document, the comparison elements with Breg knee brace: Fusion® OA Plus.

1

Information needed to explain what an offloading knee brace is used for and patients expectations.

2

Principle of action of the Rebel Reliever® and therapeutical benefits.

3

Competitive analysis on principal aspects to highlight key benefits compared to the Breg knee brace.

4

Summary of all this information in order to be prepared in front of a Fusion® OA Plus customer.



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Indication: Femorotibial osteoarthritis (moderate to severe)

- Symptomatic unicompartmental femorotibial osteoarthritis (moderate to severe).
- Knee off-loading for post-traumatic, post-operative or degenerative conditions.
- Joint instability/laxity.
- Alternative to osteotomy or leg misalignment surgery.
- Conservative treatment of knee ligament injuries and/or ruptures (cruciate and/or lateral ligaments).

Patient profiles:

Higher incidence for :

- Women are affected twice as much as men ⁽¹⁾
- Overweight people with a high BMI ⁽²⁾
- Seniors from 50 years old ⁽¹⁾
- People with previous severe ligament injuries ⁽³⁾



Patient expectations

- Pain mitigation: be able to maintain or resume activities
- Comfort: have a device that fits on the leg*

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2 - Zhang W, Moskowitz RW, Nuki G, Abramson S, Altman RD, Arden N et al. OARSI recommendations for the management of hip and knee osteoarthritis, Part II: OARSI evidence-based, expert consensus guidelines. *Osteoarthritis Cartilage* 2008; 16:137- 62.

3 - Literature Review of Risk Factors, Evaluation Instruments, and Care and Service Interventions for Knee Osteoarthritis

Generalities



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Principle of action

Offloading of the affected compartment



3-point leverage system with Loadshifter Technology.

Motion control



The TM5+ hinge mimics the knee's natural movement* – the adjustment of the flexion/extension limitations is performed without tools.

Therapeutic benefits



Improved mobility ⁽⁴⁾

Relief the pain ⁽⁴⁾

Rehabilitation ⁽⁴⁾

Clinical studies

“Effect of Unloading Brace Treatment on Pain and Function in Patients with Symptomatic Knee Osteoarthritis: The ROTOR Randomized Clinical Trial.” ⁽⁴⁾ Thoumie Philippe, et al. 2018. Scientific Reports 8 ⁽¹⁾: 10519.

“The 2-and 8-Week Effects of Decompressive Brace Use in People with Medial Compartment Knee Osteoarthritis.” ⁽⁵⁾ Lamberg Eric M., et al. 2016b. Prosthetics and Orthotics International 40 ⁽⁴⁾: 447-453.



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I What is it for?



Offloading



Motion control

(4) Thoumie Philippe, et al. 2018. Scientific Reports 8 (1): 10519.
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 (7) A2S biomechanical study « Biomechanical study of the stride during use of different braces » 2020 - Was made on a knee brace of similar design
 (8) Internal CE marking data
 (9) internal source: R&D biomechanical reasoning
 (10) Internal test

Offloading rigid knee brace

II Battle



Rebel Reliever®



Fusion® OA Plus

Efficacy

CLINICALLY PROVEN (4)(5)

Relieves pain + promotes movement resumption
 = **Treatment effectiveness** (averaged 36% reduction of force through the knee) & patient satisfaction (19 patients)



CLINICALLY PROVEN (6)

Relieves pain + promotes movement resumption
 = **Offloads effectiveness**⁽¹⁰⁾ & patient satisfaction

OFFLOADING OF THE INJURED COMPARTMENT

3-point pressure offloading system
 = **Rebalances pressure on the knee and relieves patient's pain**



Loadshifter technology
 = **Pulling effect on the affected side: by providing significant correction of the thigh shell**



OFFLOADING OF THE INJURED COMPARTMENT

3-point pressure offloading system
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Offloading technology
 = **Pushing effect on the unaffected side: by turning the thumbwheel that causes a condylar pad distraction**⁽⁹⁾

PHYSIOLOGICAL HINGE

TM5 hinge reproduces the natural movement of the knee⁽⁷⁾
 = **Follow and reproduce knee movement**



BI-AXIAL HINGE

Bi-axial hinge
 = **Only reproduces knee rotation**⁽⁷⁾

Comfort

Tibial bolster
 = **Prevention of rotation & ensure intimate and anatomic fitting**⁽⁸⁾



Strap on the calf - rounded rigid part on the tibia
 = **No rotation prevention**⁽⁹⁾

Synergistic suspension strap
 = **Prevention of migration (AP-ML tightening) & enhanced comfort (calf muscle morphology respect).**⁽⁸⁾



Suspension strap with simple attachment on the frame & straight
 = **Less suspension on the leg, less comfort.**⁽⁹⁾

C/S Package
 = **Optimization of the suspension - beneficial for patients with particular leg shape**⁽⁸⁾



Anterior and posterior thigh straps linked to the frame
 = **Less adaptation to patient muscle variation**⁽⁹⁾

* Internal CE marking data



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Ease of use

ADJUSTMENT SETTING

Tool-less Snap Lock Technology
= Adjustment without tool and simple for patients



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Thumbwheel
= Adjustment without tool and simple for patients

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No numbering system on the buckles
= Longer to put on & need to learn the exact straps closing order



Numbering system on straps
= Allows to quickly see the straps closing order

MEDIUM SIZE COVERAGE

6 sizes ranging from XS to XXL
Maximum thigh circumference 28"



LARGE SIZE COVERAGE

6 Sizes ranging from XS to XXL
30" Thigh circumference

To sum up



Argue on

- The effectiveness of Loadshifter technology & TM5 hinge
- The comfort of our brace
- Our Rebel Reliever® clinical studies



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Good sales!