

Philip Pizzano was diagnosed with osteochondritis dissecans, a knee injury in which bone beneath the cartilage of a joint dies due to lack of blood flow. The typical result is severe pain and a limited range of motion.

Microfracture surgery was supposed to provide relief by stimulating his own cartilage to regrow. But instead, it left him with unbearable, shooting pain which lasted for years. He couldn't walk for more than a few minutes at a time.

He was unable to play with his son, who was now eight months old, or live anything resembling a normal family life.

Philip knew that he needed another operation. But he was understandably afraid that it wouldn't be done correctly. After extensive research, which included speaking with people who had the same problem, he made an appointment with a renowned orthopedic surgeon at the Mount Sinai Health System.

The surgeon recommended and performed an allograft transplant, placing human bone and cartilage from an anonymous donor into Philip's knee. It was an option that no one had ever mentioned, and Philip, like most people, had associated a transplant with organs.

The transplant was a success, and after a grueling rehab period, Philip made an outstanding recovery. At his last checkup, doctors were very pleased with his progress.

He is now pain free and able to lead a normal life, a big part of which is playing with his son. And, as every father knows, that's something that can't be replaced. **For you. For life.**

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