

I am 67 years old and had serious injuries to my hips and knees 25 years ago which consequently limited my activities over that period and caused considerable pain and discomfort. This in later years complicated by some osteoarthritis.

I saw an orthopaedic surgeon about 5 years ago who recommended I have both knees replaced followed by both hips. A second orthopaedic surgeon 3 years ago recommended I have both hips replaced followed by both knees and recommended taking 6-8 Panadol Osteo per day till the operations were performed.

My local G.P. was concerned and felt that I was too young to have the replacements at my age.

It was after this that I read about Autologous Stem Cells and the wonderful things that were happening using the cells in Great Britain. I decided to look at what options there were in Australia using this treatment

I contacted Macquarie Stem Cells on a friend's recommendation. Macquarie Stem Cells made it clear in written communication and in my first appointment with Dr Bright that the treatment didn't work on everyone.

I decided to go ahead anyway. This was 7- 8 months ago I am so pleased that I had the opportunity to have this treatment done I had the first treatment in the four joints followed by two further treatments.

I am now greatly improved in mobility and practically free from pain and no longer need to take pain killers even to sleep.

The treatment has resulted in a vast improvement and I would not like to see other people denied the opportunity to have this treatment using their own body's stem cells

PS Considering the vast amount of money this treatment would save in unnecessary replacements it would be good if it received some Medicare funding