There are two pieces of information the surgeon needs your help in obtaining. One is the operative note and the other is the "sticker page" (see examples below). They would be available from the medical records department of the hospital where you had your previous hip or knee replacement surgery.

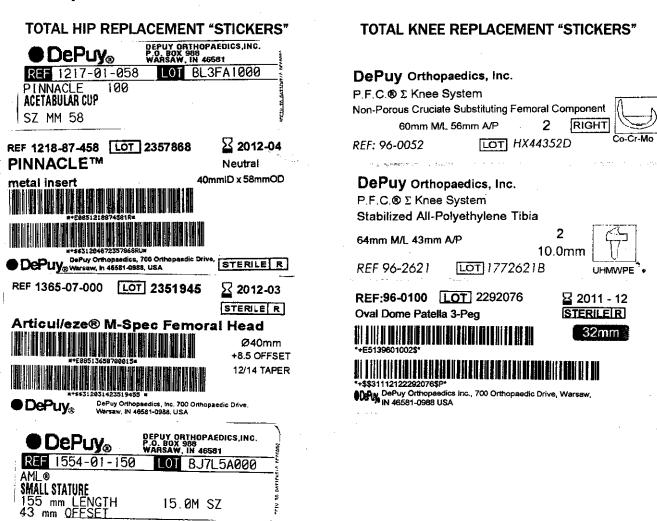
The operative note is important because it documents how the surgery was performed, what approach was used, and if there were any difficulties or complications.

Your surgeon placed metal and/or polyethylene components in your body at the time of the original surgery. In order to identify those components exactly, we need to have their lot and catalog numbers. At the time of your surgery, the operating room nurse should have removed the components from their boxes and placed the label from that box on a page in your hospital chart. The label or sticker would contain the necessary information.

The request to obtain old medical records must come from you, the patient. Please call the medical records department and ask them to pull your old chart. Then ask for copies of your operative note and the page with the "stickers". It is always a good idea to get the name of the person that you spoke to.

Please bring this information along with you to your appointment. This information is essential and we must have it if you are considering another operation.

Thank you.



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