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INTRODUCTION

- Both Musculoskeletal Outcomes Data Evaluation and Management System (MODEMS) preoperative and postoperative met expectations domains have been demonstrated to be associated with each other as well as better postoperative outcomes for a variety of orthopaedic procedures.
- Previous studies have only examined either preoperative or postoperative met expectations in isolation.
- However, they may be clinically useful in combining both expectations domains.
- Some patients with high preoperative expectations may ultimately have low postoperative met expectations or vice versa.

OBJECTIVES

- Determine the prognostic value of clustering knee surgery patients into groups based on preoperative and postoperative met expectations

HYPOTHESIS

- We hypothesized that, regardless of preoperative expectations, patients grouped into clusters with “high” postoperative met expectations will have better postoperative outcomes compared to those grouped into clusters with “low” postoperative met expectations.



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METHODS

- Patients undergoing elective knee surgery between June 2015 to April 2018 were prospectively enrolled.
- 401 patients completed both baseline and two-year follow-up surveys.
- Charts were reviewed for relevant demographic/medical information.
- The following questionnaires were collected both preoperatively and two years postoperatively:
 - Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) in six domains
 - The International Knee Documentation Committee (IKDC) Subjective Knee Form
 - Knee and whole-body Numeric Pain Scale (NPS)
 - Marx Activity Rating Scale (MARS)
 - Surgical Satisfaction Questionnaire (SSQ8 – only collected postoperatively).

METHODS

- Preoperative and postoperative met expectations were measured with MODEMS domains.
 - Patients were then clustered into four distinct profiles using k-means cluster analysis of preoperative and postoperative met expectations, and difference between the values.
- Chi-square or Kruskal-Wallis tests were conducted for bivariate analyses.
- Multivariate analysis for relevant two-year outcome metrics identified if expectation clusters were independent predictors.



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RESULTS

- Cluster analysis revealed four distinct groups (Table 1) based on MODEMS Preoperative Expectations, Postoperative Met Expectations, and Difference between values :
 - High Preoperative to High Postoperative met expectations (HIGH-HIGH)
 - High Preoperative to Low Postoperative met expectations (HIGH-LOW)
 - Low Preoperative to High Postoperative met expectations (LOW-HIGH)
 - Low Preoperative to Low Postoperative met expectations (LOW-LOW)
- HIGH-HIGH was the largest, accounting for 248 patients (62% of all patients; Table 1)
- Multiple sociodemographic/operative factors were associated with cluster profiles including age, number of prior knee surgeries, education level, income, and arthroplasty vs arthroscopy.

Table 1: MODEMS Preoperative Expectations, Postoperative Met Expectations, and Difference between values vs Cluster Profiles

MODEMS Domains	Cluster Profiles				P-value
	HIGH-HIGH N=248	HIGH-LOW N=84	LOW-HIGH N=31	LOW-LOW N=38	
Preop Expectations	92.8 ± 8.8	94.2 ± 8.3	49.4 ± 21.0	64.5 ± 12.7	<0.0001
Postoperative Met Expectations	90.3 ± 11.4	29.8 ± 20.3	84.7 ± 18.6	47.6 ± 21.7	<0.0001
Difference between Preop and Postop Met	-2.5 ± 13.9	-64.4 ± 19.2	35.3 ± 18.9	-16.9 ± 18.2	<0.0001



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RESULTS

- All preoperative PROs were associated with cluster profiles except PROMIS Physical Function.
 - HIGH-HIGH and LOW-HIGH had the best preoperative scores; LOW-LOW and HIGH-LOW had the worst preoperative scores, with no significant difference between the respective groups.

Table 2: Bivariate Analysis of Preoperative PROs by Cluster Profile

PRO	HIGH-HIGH (Mean±SD)	HIGH-LOW (Mean±SD)	LOW-HIGH (Mean±SD)	LOW-LOW (Mean±SD)	P-value
PROMIS PF	41.7 ± 8.8	40.2 ± 7.6	11.5 ± 7.2	39.3 ± 5.4	0.15
PROMIS PI	58.9 ± 7.5	62.7 ± 6.9	58.5 ± 7.2	61.5 ± 6.4	0.0006
PROMIS Fatigue	50.0 ± 10.5	54.3 ± 10.6	49.7 ± 10.5	56.1 ± 9.0	<0.0001
PROMIS SS	44.1 ± 9.4	41.1 ± 7.4	45.0 ± 8.8	41.6 ± 7.3	0.03
PROMIS Anxiety	54.3 ± 9.0	57.2 ± 9.3	56.6 ± 8.5	58.6 ± 8.2	0.002
PROMIS Depression	48.4 ± 8.3	50.2 ± 9.0	49.9 ± 9.8	54.1 ± 9.7	0.005
IKDC	43.1 ± 16.9	36.0 ± 15.4	46.8 ± 18.6	40.0 ± 16.7	0.004
NPS op	41.4 ± 29.0	52.0 ± 29.2	41.0 ± 30.0	53.9 ± 30.1	0.008
NPS Whole Body	10.4 ± 19.3	17.5 ± 25.2	14.2 ± 23.1	28.2 ± 24.9	0.0001
MARS Lower	53.3 ± 37.2	37.3 ± 37.5	34.9 ± 38.0	33.9 ± 37.2	<0.0001



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RESULTS

- Clusters with high postoperative met expectations (HIGH-HIGH and LOW-HIGH) had better two-year scores and improvement than those with low met expectations (LOW-LOW and HIGH-LOW). See Tables 3 and 4.
- Multivariable analysis demonstrated that clusters were independent predictors of two-year scores and change for all PROs as well as self-reported being "completely better" postoperatively.
- HIGH-HIGH cluster independently predicted the greatest two-year scores and improvements while HIGH-LOW predicted the lowest.

Table 3: Bivariate Analysis of Two-Year Postoperative PROs by Cluster Profile

PRO	HIGH-HIGH (Mean±SD)	HIGH-LOW (Mean±SD)	LOW-HIGH (Mean±SD)	LOW-LOW (Mean±SD)	P-value
PROMIS PF	55.4 ± 9.8	42.0 ± 6.3	52.6 ± 11.7	43.3 ± 8.0	<0.0001
PROMIS PI	46.5 ± 8.0	60.3 ± 7.7	49.7 ± 9.5	57.4 ± 8.7	<0.0001
PROMIS Fatigue	43.1 ± 9.4	55.6 ± 8.7	46.7 ± 12.1	52.8 ± 8.4	<0.0001
PROMIS SS	57.9 ± 9.9	42.9 ± 8.1	55.0 ± 10.9	45.8 ± 8.9	<0.0001
PROMIS Anxiety	47.0 ± 9.7	55.7 ± 9.6	50.0 ± 11.6	54.4 ± 9.6	<0.0001
PROMIS Depression	45.2 ± 8.7	50.4 ± 10.0	47.8 ± 10.5	50.4 ± 10.0	<0.0001
IKDC	78.5 ± 17.8	42.5 ± 17.7	70.5 ± 21.9	51.9 ± 20.4	<0.0001
NPS op	12.7 ± 18.1	51.3 ± 26.0	19.7 ± 24.0	35.5 ± 27.4	<0.0001
NPS Whole Body	15.4 ± 20.9	33.9 ± 29.3	25.8 ± 23.8	28.4 ± 27.2	<0.0001
Tegner	5.8 ± 2.5	2.9 ± 2.2	5.2 ± 2.7	3.2 ± 2.4	<0.0001
MARS Lower	45.5 ± 33.7	21.7 ± 29.4	37.3 ± 31.8	19.3 ± 24.0	<0.0001
SSQ8	86.7 ± 13.6	53.6 ± 21.6	80.8 ± 15.2	66.4 ± 22.3	<0.0001

Table 4: Bivariate Analysis of Two-Year CHANGE in PROs by Cluster Profile

PRO	HIGH-HIGH (Mean±SD)	HIGH-LOW (Mean±SD)	LOW-HIGH (Mean±SD)	LOW-LOW (Mean±SD)	P-value
PROMIS PF	13.7 ± 11.6	1.8 ± 6.8	11.1 ± 13.1	4.0 ± 7.0	<0.0001
PROMIS PI	-12.4 ± 8.7	-2.3 ± 7.8	-8.8 ± 9.8	-4.1 ± 6.7	<0.0001
PROMIS Fatigue	-6.9 ± 11.6	1.5 ± 10.5	-2.9 ± 11.6	-3.3 ± 8.9	<0.0001
PROMIS SS	13.8 ± 12.1	1.8 ± 9.1	10.1 ± 12.9	4.2 ± 9.3	<0.0001
PROMIS Anxiety	-7.3 ± 10.1	-1.4 ± 10.9	-6.6 ± 11.8	-4.2 ± 10.1	<0.0001
PROMIS Depression	-3.2 ± 9.4	0.2 ± 10.5	-2.2 ± 10.1	-3.7 ± 8.5	0.06
IKDC	35.6 ± 19.8	6.5 ± 16.0	24.1 ± 20.0	12.5 ± 18.5	<0.0001
NPS op	-7.4 ± 30.0	-15.3 ± 36.8	2.4 ± 31.1	-15.8 ± 34.1	0.06
NPS Whole Body	5.0 ± 20.9	16.7 ± 26.1	11.6 ± 23.8	0.3 ± 28.5	0.0003
MARS Lower	-28.7 ± 31.3	-0.7 ± 36.6	-21.3 ± 29.7	-18.4 ± 37.8	<0.0001



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DISCUSSION

- Clusters based on MODEMS Preoperative and Postoperative Met Expectations domains are associated with and independently predict two-year postoperative outcomes following knee surgery
- Patients with high postoperative met expectations had better preoperative, two-year, and improvement in most PROs, regardless of preoperative expectations
- However, between patients in clusters with similar postoperative met expectations, there were differences in some postoperative outcomes such as functional status, pain, and surgical satisfaction postoperatively
 - Patients with similar preoperative and postoperative expectation scores (HIGH-HIGH and LOW-LOW) had better two-year and improvement for various PROs compared to patients with similar postoperative met expectations but opposite preoperative expectations scores (HIGH-HIGH vs LOW-HIGH and LOW-LOW vs HIGH-LOW)

CONCLUSION

Although greater preoperative expectations have been shown to predict better outcomes, these results suggest that this is the case if those high preoperative expectations are met postoperatively.



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