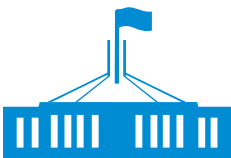




SAVE MONEY, TIME AND PAIN FOR THE NATION.

LET'S MAKE PHYSIOTHERAPY A PRIORITY.



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The problem:

Knee osteoarthritis is one of the leading causes of disability, affecting 1 in 7 Australians.

Over-reliance on surgeries costs the Australian healthcare system billions annually—and the figure is growing. Many patients are referred for physiotherapy only after surgery—missing the chance for cost-effective, non-surgical solutions.



The solution:

Fund non-operative pathways led by physiotherapists.

Medicare-funded physiotherapy management plans for major musculoskeletal conditions, including non-operative management of the osteoarthritic knee and hip would reduce unnecessary surgeries and unburden wait lists.

Physiotherapist-led, evidence-based treatments can prevent up to 90 per cent of knee replacement surgeries, saving \$100 million annually. Programs like the GLA:D (Good Life with osteoArthritis: Denmark) reduce pain, improve mobility, and restore function without surgery.

**Put patients
at the centre
of care.**

