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**Statement of the Problem:** Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common form of arthritis, affecting mostly older adults. Among all OA sites, knees are most commonly affected. For OA patients with joint symptoms that substantially impact their quality of life and are refractory to non-surgical treatment, joint-replacement surgery should be considered. However, older people with severe knee OA commonly refuse total knee arthroplasty (TKA). It is unclear how older OA patients in Taiwan decide