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KEH PERFORMES FIRST TOTAL WRIST REPLACEMENT



King Edward VIII Hospital performed their first total wrist replacement on Monday, 05 June 2023. Evolving technology has seen the invention of implants that allow for this procedure to take place where the patient retain the movement of the hand inspite of chronic arthritis. This type of operation has been done in private and few public

hospitals although it is still not common.

The patient is a 67 year old male who was diagnosed with advanced arthritis of his left wrist. His index presentation was during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic, hence he was added to the elective surgery waiting list. In the past, patients with similar pathology would have had wrist fusion surgery to alleviate the pain but at the expense of

no wrist movement. Now with the existing technology of newer generation total wrist replacements, patients like this will be able to be pain free and still have movement which is a much more functional option.

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