

Supplementary data

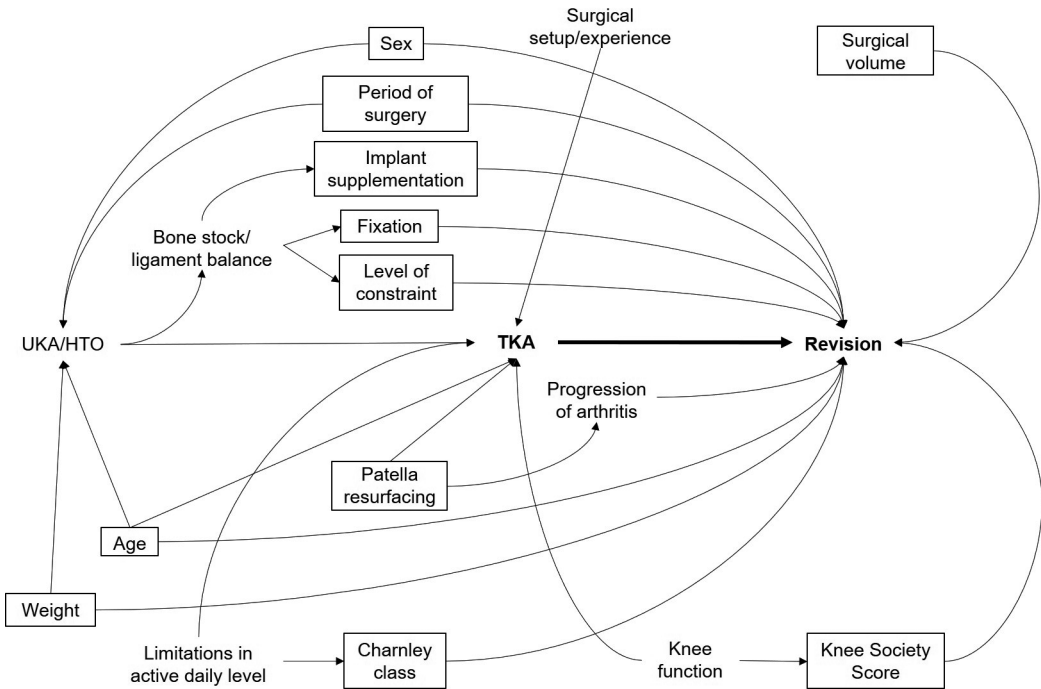


Figure 2. A priori consideration for the included confounders. The considerations are presented as a directed acyclic graph (DAG) with boxed covariates indicating a blocked pathway. A DAG is a graphical illustration of confounding consideration with arrows indication causality.

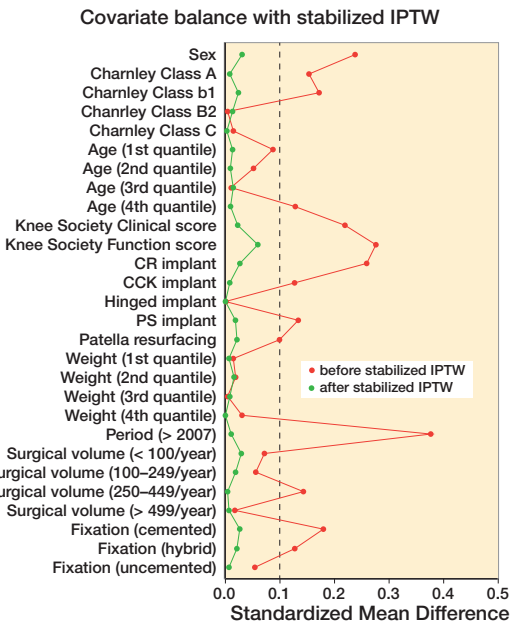


Figure 3. Covariate balance following stabilized inverse probability treatment weighting using propensity score (PS-IPTW).