

Chronic Kneecap Pain?

Researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seek individuals with kneecap pain (also referred to as patellofemoral, or anterior knee pain). We are studying how muscle weakness around the knee may lead to changes in kneecap motion and pain.



Study participants will have:

- 2 outpatient visits lasting about 3 and 5 hours each
- A physical examination and a clinical evaluation of the knee
- Questionnaires about their knee pain
- MRI scan of the knee while it is still and while it is in motion

Eligible participants must:

- Be 18 to 55 years old
- Have a diagnosis of kneecap pain OR have experienced severe kneecap pain for over 6 months
- Be able to have an MRI
- Have NO history of major knee injuries (e.g., ligament injury), knee diseases (e.g., arthritis), or surgeries (e.g., ACL repair)

Location: The NIH Clinical Center, America's Research Hospital, is in Bethesda, MD. On the Metro red line (Medical Center stop).

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