

**TABLE I TOTAL KNEE/TOTAL HIP REPLACEMENT PROCEDURES, 1998-2004**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of TKR Procedures</b>	<b>Mean Age of Patients</b>	<b>Number of THR Procedures</b>	<b>Mean Age of Patients</b>
1998	266,000	68.4	160,000	67.8
2000	299,000	68.3	152,000	65.6
2002	381,000	67.6	193,000	66.8
2004	478,000	67.2	234,000	66.0

*As the number of total knee and total hip replacement procedures has increased, the median age of patients is dropping.*