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**NEW YORK ONE NEWS INTERVIEWS KEVIN PLANCHER, M.D.,  
ON THE INNOVATIVE GENDER-SPECIFIC KNEE IMPLANT**



Orthopaedic surgeon Kevin Plancher, M.D., recently performed one of New York City's first, gender-specific knee implant surgeries on a 56 year old female patient at Beth Israel Medical Center, Petrie Division, in Manhattan. Dr. Plancher head of Plancher Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine PLLC, and Chairman of the Orthopaedic Foundation for Active Lifestyles, was recently interviewed by Emily Cordero reporter from New York One News, on the Gender-Specific Knee Implant. Dr. Plancher said, "I utilized the innovative Zimmer female knee implant which has been specifically designed for women."

"Because women's hips are wider, the angle of the femur is greater than that of a man," added Dr. Plancher. "It is called the Q-angle, therefore if you design a knee implant that accommodates that angle, the knee cap will track more naturally on the front of the femur. Women's knees have three differences: they are taller and not as wide, they're more delicate and not as thick in the front, and the angle at which the knee works—the Q-angle—is greater in women."

"It makes great sense to improve implant-fit through very specific design features," Dr. Plancher says. "I believe that the gender-specific knee implant design is a leap forward in knee surgery, possibly the advance of the decade."