

# Expert from US shows how it's done in joint operation

A SURGEON whose revolutionary techniques have relieved pain for thousands of patients suffering from knee problems helped to perform an operation at Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital.

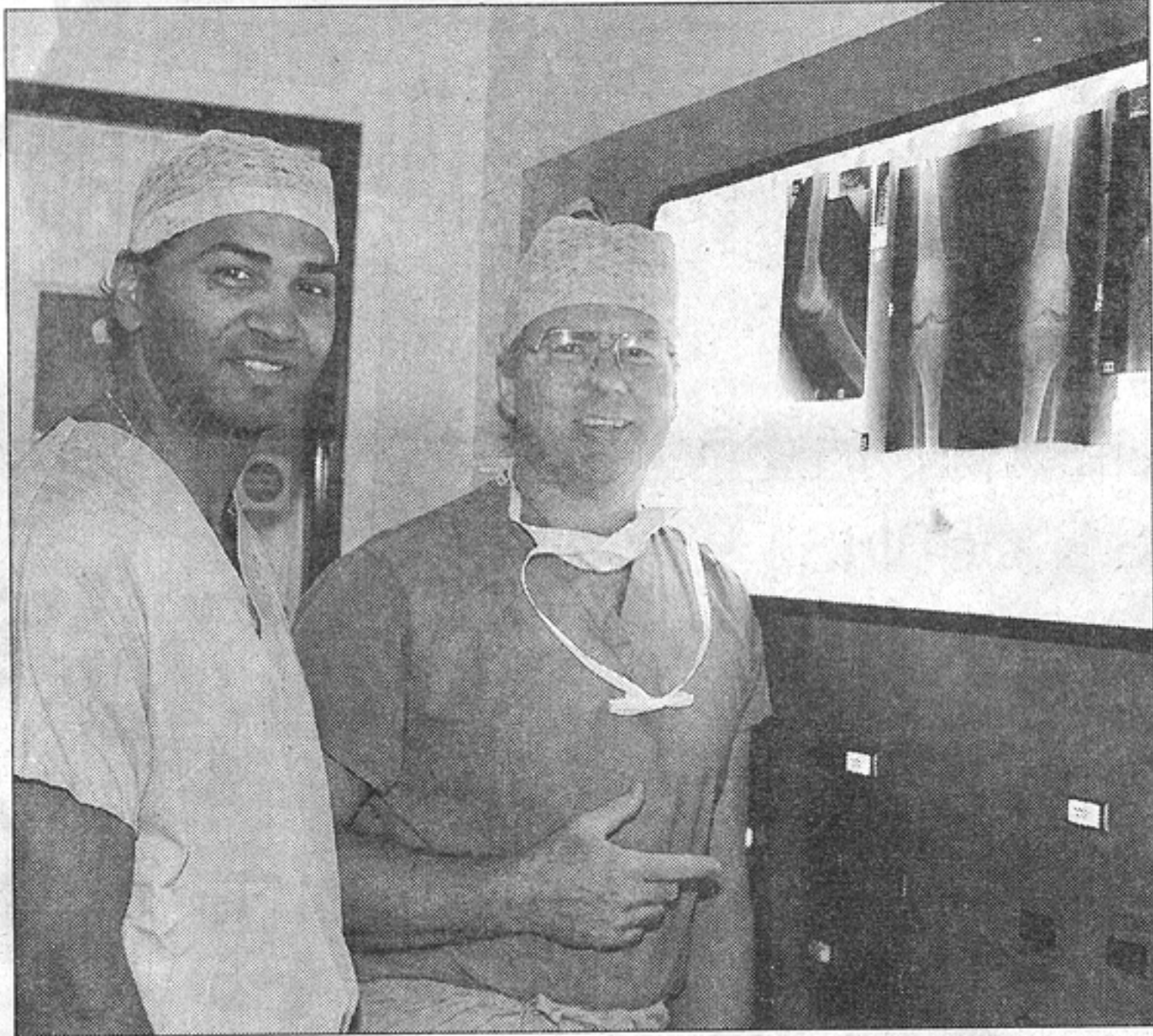
Dr Fred Buechel, from New Jersey in the USA, pioneered the low contact stress knee joint replacement.

It is the longest lasting type of knee replacement and has been in use for nearly two decades.

During Dr Beuchel's visit to Chorley, he helped Mr Aslam Mohammed, the clinical director of orthopaedics, to perform surgery.

Mr Mohammed said: "It is a privilege to be able to share experiences with so eminent a surgeon."

Dr Beuchel, who was also visiting Wrightington Hospital, is touring Britain's major centres for orthopaedics.



**SMOOTH OPERATORS:** Doctors Fred Beuchel, right, and Aslam Mohammed with X-rays from a knee patient in Chorley Hospital.