



# ***Your new HIP***

***a guide to  
hip replacement***



**St Vincents**  
Private Hospital Lismore

# ***INTRODUCTION***

This guide has been written to inform you about aspects of your surgery. We believe that a patient who is well informed is more able to actively participate in their own recovery.

Hip replacement is a major surgical operation and should only be undertaken after conventional treatments no longer offer you relief. If you have any questions concerning your operation, please do not hesitate to contact the following:

Orthopaedic Ward (02) 6627 9448

Orthopaedic Care Coordinator (02) 6627 9448

Physiotherapist (02) 6627 9600

Occupational Therapist (02) 6627 9600

# ***The Hip Joint***

The hip is what is commonly referred to as a “ball and socket” joint. It connects the trunk of the body to the legs through the pelvis. It relies on muscles and ligaments surrounding it for support and stability.

The normal hip has closely matched joint surfaces to allow smooth, pain free movement. The diagram on the next page shows a normal joint.

Damage to joint surfaces may result from the following:

- ***Degeneration***

Osteoarthritis, “general wear and tear”, normally seen in people over the age of 50.

- ***Inflammation***

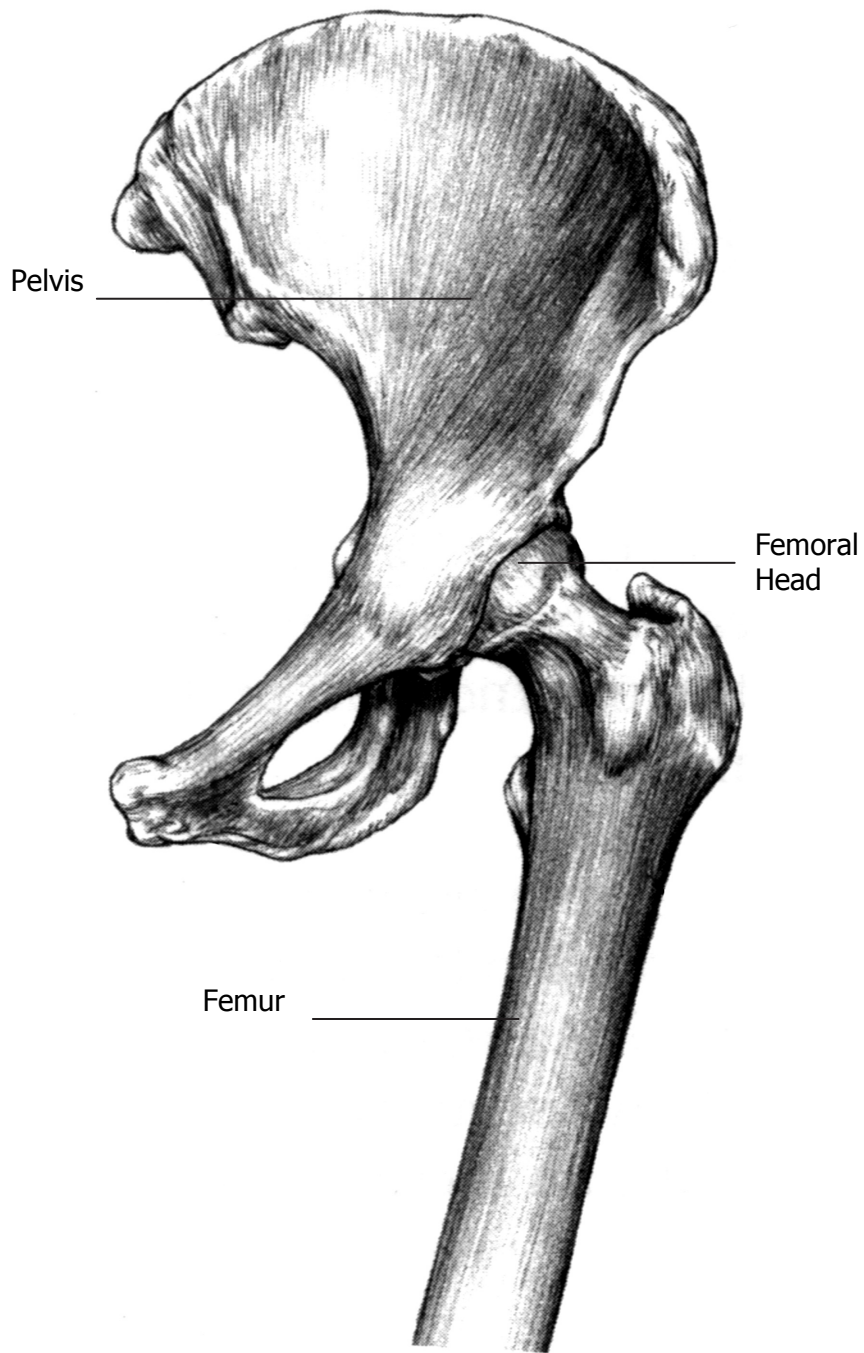
Rheumatoid Arthritis. An auto-immune disease affecting the lubricating fluid of the joint.

- ***Trauma***

Trauma to a joint may also lead to the development of arthritis. Mal-alignment of the bone surfaces may cause abnormal wear patterns, resulting in early osteoarthritis.

- ***Avascular Necrosis***

Poor blood supply to the femoral head leads to the death of bone tissues and the eventual collapse of the femoral head.



Pelvis

Femoral  
Head

Femur

# ***Total Hip Replacement***

A large percentage of the community will develop hip problems to some degree. The majority are able to be successfully managed without surgical intervention.

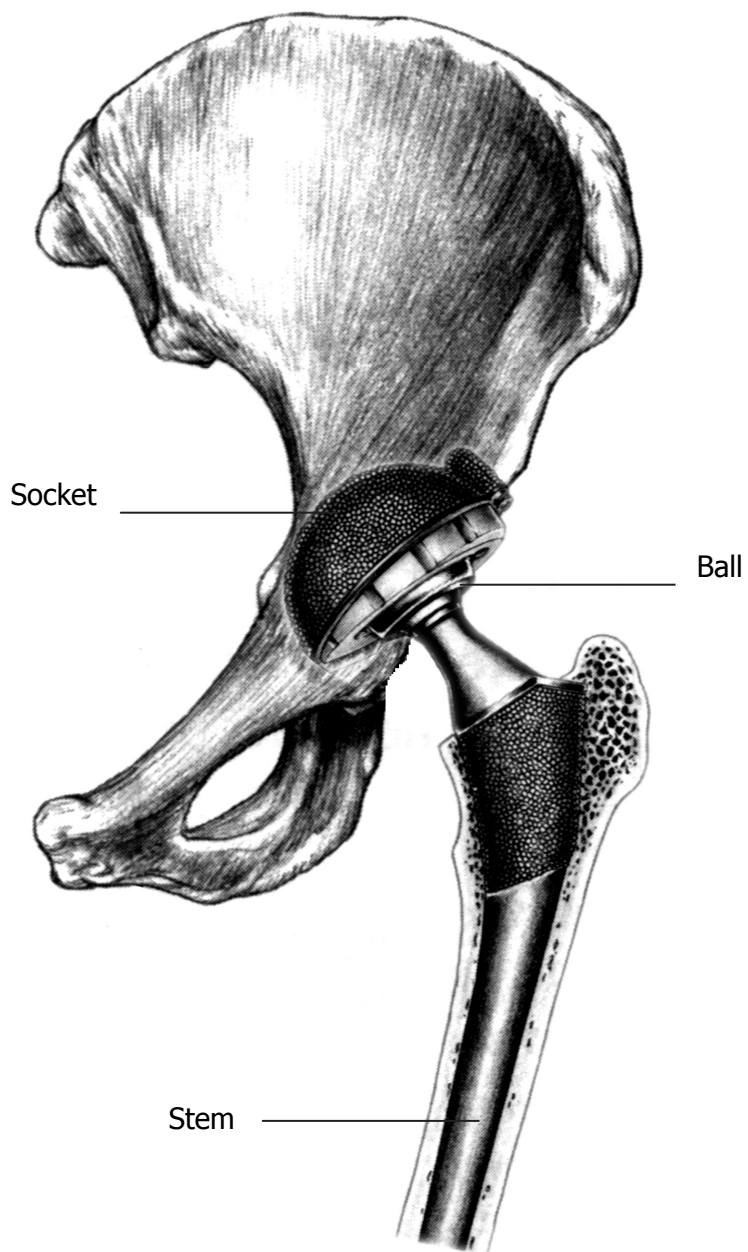
Conservative treatment incorporates the use of medication, physiotherapy, weight control and / or modifying activities that cause pain.

When conservative management no longer offers relief of symptoms, an operation may be required. Hip replacement surgery is designed to replace a hip joint which has been damaged to achieve the following:

- Relief of pain
- Improve mobility and quality of life
- Provide a stable joint
- Correct deformity

The operation involves removing the diseased portions of the joint and replacing them with the new parts. A new socket is placed within the worn out socket of the pelvis, and a new ball and stem are inserted into the femur. The diagram on the next page shows a standard hip joint after replacement.

The joint components can be cemented or non-cemented, depending on your bone quality and your Surgeon's preference.



# ***Admission***

## ***Booking your Admission***

Your Surgeon will complete the admission documents to be forwarded to the hospital. The Surgeon will also explain your operation, including any risks, and complete a consent form. Necessary documents and financial arrangements need to be completed **prior** to admission. Details of your hospital fund, Medicare number or pension number are to be given to the hospital. You will be required to contact the hospital to confirm your booking on the last working day prior to admission. Phone the hospital after 2pm on (02) 6627 9223. At this time you will be informed of the scheduled time for your surgery and subsequent "nil by mouth" time. This means **nothing** to eat or drink, including water, prior to your operation.

## ***Pre-Operative Fitness***

Being as fit as possible before your operation will make your recovery easier and more successful. Consider starting an exercise or hydrotherapy program in the 6 weeks leading up to your surgery. A physiotherapist can assist with this. It will help to improve your general fitness, improve muscle strength and condition and familiarise you with post-operative exercises. If you smoke, why not take this opportunity to quit. If you are overweight, now could be a good time to try to lose some weight (but don't go on a crash diet immediately before your operation).

You and your family need to start making plans prior to admission as to how you will manage at home after discharge from hospital. If you foresee any difficulties, you can talk to the Care Coordinator, Nursing Staff, Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist either prior to, or at the Orthopaedic Clinic.

(Refer to contact numbers on the introduction page)

# ***Orthopaedic Clinic***

St Vincents Private Hospital has an Orthopaedic Clinic which is compulsory for you to attend before your operation. Attendance at this Clinic will assist you to prepare for your surgery and discharge. This Clinic is run each Tuesday morning, two weeks prior to your admission. You will receive information by mail regarding the time, date and location of the Clinic. Accompanying this is a pathology request form for the testing of your blood and urine.

At the Clinic, you will have chest and hip X-rays taken. You will be assessed by the Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist and Nursing staff. The Care Coordinator will review the results of your blood tests with you and also provide information on aspects of your surgery, hospitalisation and discharge. The Care Coordinator will also discuss with you whether you will be admitted on the day of your surgery or the night before. During this time you are encouraged to ask any questions you may have.

## ***Medications***

You may be required to ***stop*** taking anti-inflammatory medications and Aspirin ***one week*** prior to your surgery. If you are taking an anticoagulant (e.g. Warfarin), your Surgeon will need to advise you of pre-operative management.

Again, if you are unsure about your medications, please ask your Doctor, Nursing staff or Care Coordinator to clarify the matter for you.



# ***Day of your Admission***

## ***Prior to your Admission***

You will shower with the antiseptic solution prior to coming into hospital. Please do not use make up, perfumes or powders. All jewellery (except for your wedding ring) should be removed, along with nail polish and hair pins.

## ***What items to bring to the hospital***

- Relevant x-rays and / or test results (*without these images your Surgeon may not proceed with your proposed surgery*)
- Health fund number and details (if applicable)
- Medicare Card
- Pensioner Concession Card/Health Care Card / Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (if applicable)
- Safety Net Concession or Entitlement Card (if applicable)
- DVA Card (if applicable)
- A list of all current medicines (Medication Profile) provided by your General Practitioner (GP)
- All current medicines (excluding S8 medicine) in original packaging
- All authority prescriptions and other repeat prescriptions
- Hearing aids, walking aids, visual aids
- Comfortable closed in shoes/slippers with non-slip soles
- Night attire
- Toiletries
- Method for settling your account

It is advisable to leave any valuable items at home or in the care of a relative.

## ***On Admission, Prior to your Operation***

On admission, please proceed to the Admissions desk which is located inside the Avondale Avenue entrance of the hospital.

Your hip will be clipped to remove excess hair and you will be asked to change into a theatre gown. Special pressure stockings will be measured and supplied. Nursing staff will take your temperature, pulse and blood pressure, perform a routine urine test and bladder scan and check your skin for abrasions, cuts or inflamed areas.

A premedication may be given which will relax you and have a sedating effect. Due to these effects, you will be placed on a bed. Should you require assistance, push your Nurse Call bell. Otherwise you will be asked to wait in one of the waiting rooms until you are called for theatre.

## ***Your Operation***

### ***Operating Theatre***

When you have been prepared for theatre, you will be escorted to the theatre by the Nursing Staff. You will be taken to the operating room and met by an Anaesthetic Nurse who will check your identity and operation to be performed. From here, you will be taken to the anaesthetic room where preparation will be made for administration of the anaesthetic. Upon entering the operating room, you will notice it is cool, busy and often noisy.

# ***After Your Operation***

## ***The Recovery Room***

Following your surgery you will be transferred from the Operating Theatre to the Recovery Room where you will be cared for by skilled Nursing staff and members of the Anaesthetic Team. You will have an oxygen mask on your face, and your vital signs will be monitored frequently as you recover from your anaesthetic. A dressing will extend along the surgical incision and you may have one or two surgical drains in place to remove any excess blood and fluid from the operation site. Foot pumps and/or calf compressors will be applied in the recovery room to help prevent blood clots. You will require fluid replacement and possibly a blood transfusion. The average length of stay in recovery is approximately one hour but this may vary significantly. When you are stable you will be transferred to the Orthopaedic Ward.

## ***The High Dependency Unit (HDU)***

In some cases you may be transferred to the High Dependency Unit (located on level 3) prior to being transferred to the Orthopaedic ward. This will be determined by your Anaesthetist. The purpose of your stay in the HDU is for close observation and continual nursing care.

As the HDU is a busy area, we request that you designate only one family member to phone the Unit on (02) 6627 9450. Close family may visit, but visits are best kept brief so you can get adequate rest.

# ***Pain and Nausea***

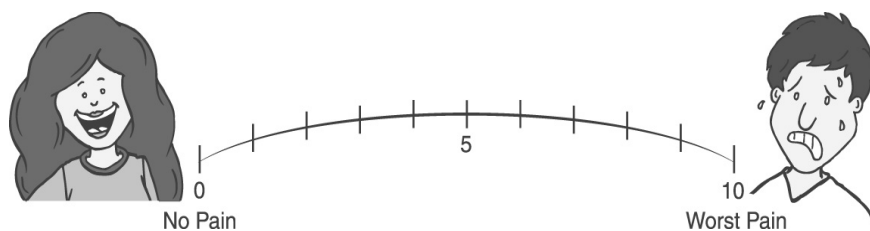
During surgery, nerve endings are cut and bruised. When this occurs, a message is sent along the nerve pathways to the brain. This message is interpreted as pain. Pain control is one of our greatest concerns after surgery. There are numerous means of managing surgical pain. We will use a combination of the following options to give you the best pain relief.

## ***Pain Control Options***

- ***Patient controlled analgesia (PCA)***  
The PCA machine allows you to administer a set dose of pain medication by simply pressing the PCA button. You will be taught to use the PCA by the Nursing staff.
- ***Epidural pain relief***  
Prior to surgery your anaesthetist may insert a tiny thread like tube into your back. Medication is injected into the tube to numb the area.
- ***Nerve blocks***  
Your Anaesthetist may inject a local anaesthetic into the major nerves of your leg. This will eliminate pain and sensation.
- ***Local infiltration analgesia (LIA)***  
During surgery a mixture of medicines may be placed directly into the tissues surrounding the hip.
- ***Oral medications***  
These can be different types of liquids or tablets that are given at regular intervals. These may be given in conjunction with any of the above treatments.
- ***Ice/Elevation:*** The combination of ice therapy and elevating your limb helps to reduce swelling and pain.

## ***Scoring Your Pain***

In order to give you adequate pain relief, it is extremely important that you tell the staff caring for you when you have pain. Please ask for pain relief before you get too uncomfortable. It is more difficult to ease pain once it has taken hold. To assist in keeping your pain under control, you will be asked regularly to "score your pain". A number is used to describe the amount of pain you have. The numbers range from 0 to 10. 0 means no pain, and 10, the worst pain imaginable.



The advantages of having adequate pain relief are:

- It enables you to perform your exercises efficiently
- It will speed up your recovery
- It will improve your ability to obtain adequate rest
- It reduces complications

## ***Nausea***

You may be nauseated as a result of your anaesthetic or medications. Nausea can be effectively managed with the administration of anti-nausea medication. It is important that you inform the staff if you are experiencing nausea.

## ***Your Goals***

**It is beneficial to set goals for each day to maximise your progress.**

The Physiotherapist will visit you daily to assist you in becoming independent, safe and confident with:

- **Transferring in and out of bed**
- **Walking with crutches or a wheelie walker**
- **Your exercise routine**
- **Negotiating stairs**

Discharge from hospital depends upon these goals being achieved. This usually occurs between day 2 and day 4.

### **Goals for Day 1**

**Sit out of bed and go through your exercise routine with the Physiotherapist.**

#### **On day one you should have:**

- your intravenous drip removed
- surgical drains removed pending Surgeon preference
- routine blood tests
- assistance with your daily hygiene
- pain relief requirements assessed
- observations performed regularly
- preventative treatment for clot formation
- ice therapy to reduce swelling
- dietary needs reviewed
- standard hip precautions reinforced
- a hip x-ray pending Surgeon preference
- your progress reviewed by your Surgeon, Care Coordinator and Physiotherapist

## **Goals for Day 2**

**Walk 20 metres with a walking aid, get in and out of bed and go through your exercise routine with the Physiotherapist.**

### **On day two you should have:**

- your observations performed regularly
- your independence encouraged where possible
- assistance with your daily hygiene
- surgical drains removed pending Surgeon preference
- pain relief requirements assessed
- ice therapy continued
- a normal daily diet
- your standard hip precautions reinforced
- a hip x-ray pending Surgeon preference
- your progress reviewed by your Surgeon, Care Coordinator and Physiotherapist

## **Goals for Day 3**

**Increase your mobility and negotiate stairs with the Physiotherapist. Continue your exercise routine.**

### **On day three you should have your:**

- observations performed regularly
- independence encouraged where possible
- daily hygiene attended with minimal staff assistance
- pain relief requirements assessed
- need for a laxative determined
- progress reviewed by your Surgeon, Care Coordinator and Physiotherapist

## **Goals for Day 4**

**Be independent with a walking aid, transferring in/out of bed, and continue your exercise routine.**

### **On day four onwards you should:**

- have your observations performed
- have daily hygiene with minimal staff assistance
- be independent with all of the exercise program
- be able to manage stairs with your walking aid
- have adequate pain relief
- have your home modifications completed
- not be constipated
- have your progress reviewed by your Surgeon, Care Coordinator, Physiotherapist and Occupational Therapist
- have your discharge date determined

### **On discharge, the Care Coordinator will:**

- arrange for the removal of your staples by your Surgeon, GP or Community Nurse
- arrange an appointment with your Surgeon
- send a discharge letter to your GP
- be accessible to you for advice or support

***Nursing staff are available 24 hours a day if you require advice.***



# ***Occupational Therapy***

After your operation, you will need to take special care of your hip. In order to do this, you will meet the Occupational Therapist at the Orthopaedic Clinic to discuss precautions. If required, a home visit will be arranged prior to your admission to ensure that everything is ready for your return home.

The Occupational Therapist will also monitor your progress while you are in hospital and implement additional services as required.

The Occupational Therapist can organise modifications such as:

- Rails at stairs & ramps
- Rails in toilets or bathrooms
- Raising the height of chairs and beds



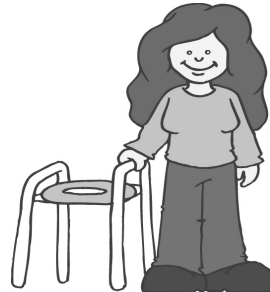
**Equipment such as:**



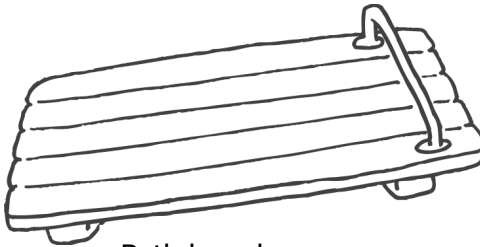
Shower Chair

- Over-toilet aid
- Shower chair or stool
- Bath board
- Lounge chair
- Urine bottles
- Long handled "reacher"

- Bed ladder
- Shoe horn
- Dressing stick
- Toe washer/wiper
- Wedge cushion



Toilet Aid



Bath board

**Community Services such as:**

- Home care
- Meals on wheels
- Community transport
- Assistance with showering



Long handled "reacher"

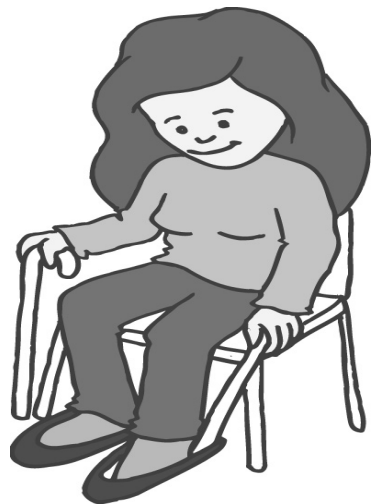
**Equipment Hire and Loan**

Some equipment can be hired from St Vincents Hospital for a fee. For other equipment you will be advised on hire/loan options in your area.

The Occupational Therapist will also discuss any difficulties you may have with activities of daily living, such as dressing, showering, toileting, transport, future work situations and recreation. Advice and training can be provided to you. Begin thinking now about how you will manage tasks when you are discharged from hospital.

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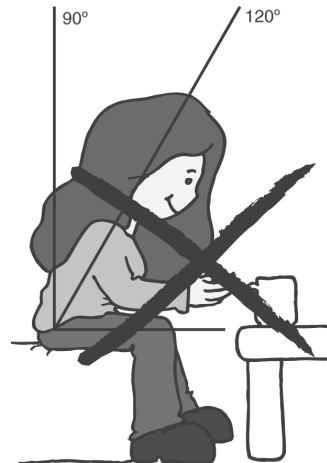
- Reorganise your pantry to raise frequently used items to waist height to eliminate the need to bend
- Store two or three saucepans on the hotplate instead of in the bottom drawer or low cupboard
- Prepare and freeze some meals to reduce the workload later
- Remove and store loose mats as these are a major trip hazard
- Review your current footwear and select slip-on shoes with non-slip soles
- Re organise furniture to provide a safe path of travel



## ***Precautions:***

There are four basic movements which must ***always*** be avoided. These precautions apply in all positions including sitting, standing and whilst getting in and out of bed or a chair.

1. ***Don't*** move your hip into more than a 90 degree flexion (this is a right angle). The increased motion may cause dislocations. This means no sitting on low stools, low chairs, low toilets etc.



2. ***Don't*** cross your legs. The operated leg must always be kept out to the side, away from the midline of the body.

3. **Do not pivot or twist** on the operated leg, or roll the operated leg in or out. The toes and the knee cap should always point straight ahead-not to the side.

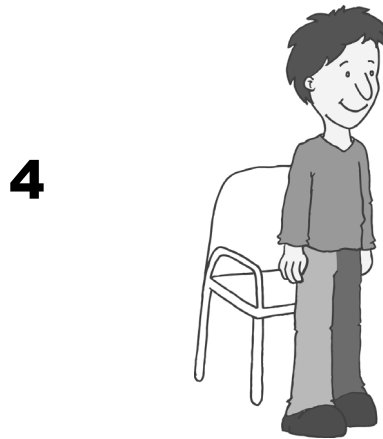
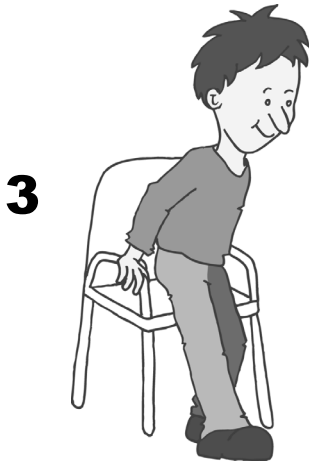
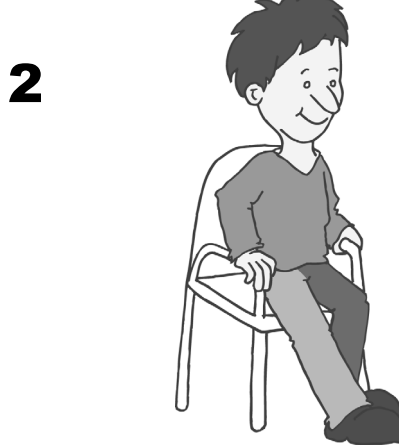
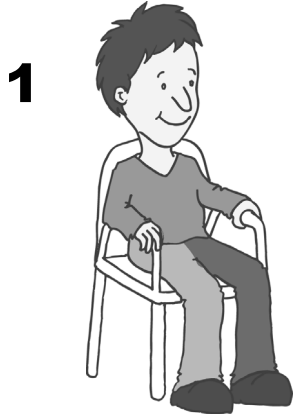


4. **Do not lie** on either side until you have permission from your Surgeon. When lying on your side, you need at least one pillow between your legs.



## ***Sitting***

Keep your knee lower than your hip when sitting: check the height of your chair. Sit in a firm chair with arms, not a swivel or rocking chair. Arms are needed to aid in rising to a standing position.



When getting up, move to the front of the chair, place your operated leg forward. Your unoperated leg should be bent under the chair. Push up with your arms and unoperated leg until standing.

**Remember not to lean too far forward.**

## ***Toileting***

- You will need to use a toilet seat "raiser"
- To prevent hip dislocation, you will need to use extra care when using a toilet without a "raiser"
- Get up the same way as for sitting

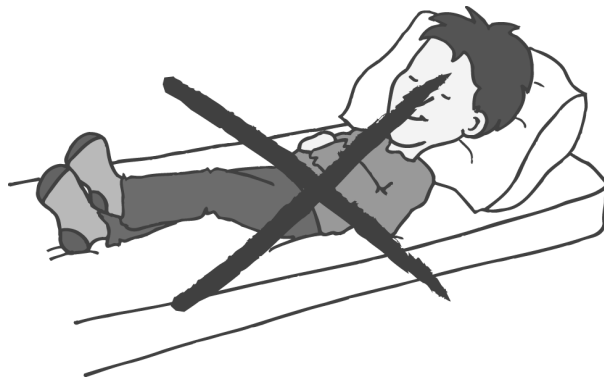


## ***In Bed***

Avoid sitting on a low bed. Also make sure that your bed is firm. The Occupational Therapist can arrange to have your bed raised to a suitable height.

To avoid dislocating your new hip:

- Don't roll onto your side without a pillow between your legs
- Don't lean forward to pull up the blankets
- Don't cross your ankles



## ***Getting In and Out of Bed***

Remember the precautions – keep your legs well apart and lean back to avoid excessive bending of your hip. Once your unoperated leg touches the floor, bend it well back and push down through your hands on the bed to stand up straight. Keep the operated leg out in front until you are standing. Whilst you are in hospital, you will be assisted as necessary, and prior to discharge you will be taught to perform this independently.

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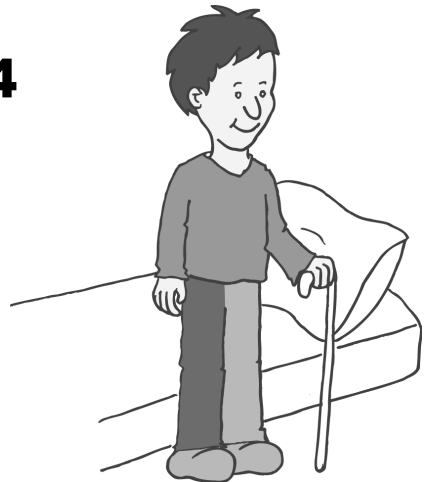
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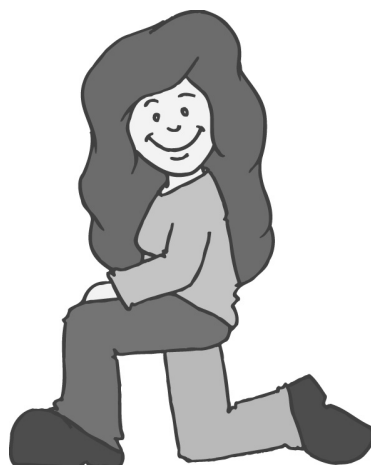
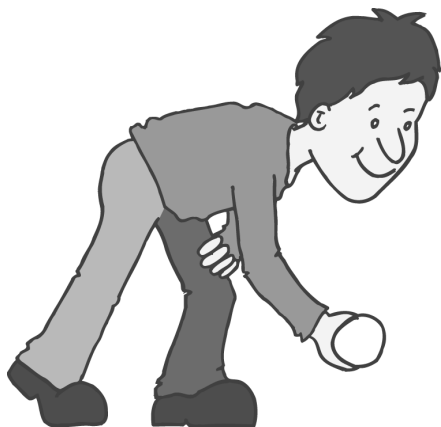
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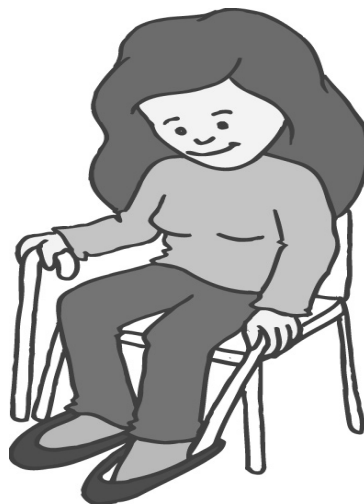
## ***Picking up Objects***

- When bending, stretch operated leg out behind you
- When kneeling, kneel onto operated leg

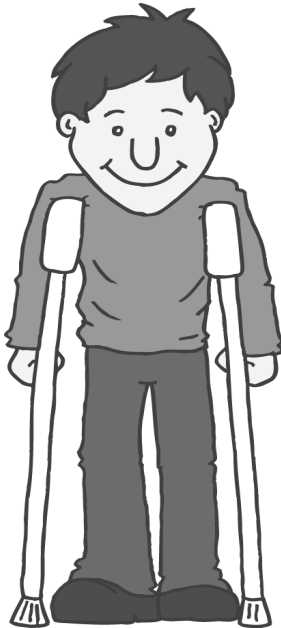


## ***Dressing and Washing:***

When dressing and washing, use long-handled equipment or call for assistance from your carer. You cannot touch your operated leg below the knee without being at risk of dislocating your hip.



# ***Physiotherapy***



Physiotherapy is an essential part of your recovery following a total hip replacement.

Physiotherapy aims to:

- Keep your chest clear
- Provide an exercise program to improve the joint movement, strength and flexibility
- Improve mobility and confidence with an appropriate walking aid
- Educate you on how to protect your new hip

At the Orthopaedic Clinic, the Physiotherapist will assess your hip movement and strength. Your exercise program will also be reviewed at this time. Please practise it prior to your admission as this will assist your recovery. A list of exercises has been provided in this book.

The Physiotherapist will also discuss your recovery and progress goals following surgery. These goals have been listed on the preceding pages.

# ***How to go up and down stairs***

## **Going up Stairs: Bearing Weight**

1. Step up with good leg
2. Step up with operated leg
3. Bring crutches up (if using)

## **Going down Stairs: Bearing Weight**

1. Place crutches (if using) on middle of step below
2. Step down with operated leg
3. Step down with good leg

# ***Outpatient Physiotherapy***

In most cases when you are discharged from hospital, you will need to have follow-up Physiotherapy organised. A Physiotherapist will discuss options with you both at the Orthopaedic Clinic and while you are in hospital. Outpatient Physiotherapy might include:

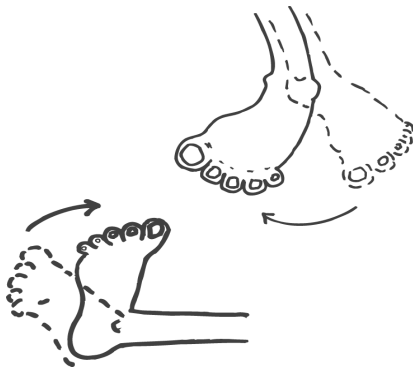
- Visits to a private clinic or public hospital
- Participation in a Day Rehabilitation Program
- Hydrotherapy (only after receiving permission from your Surgeon)

# Exercise Program

1. **Deep breathing & coughing exercises**  
After your surgery, it is necessary for you to take 10 deep breaths every hour followed by a strong cough.

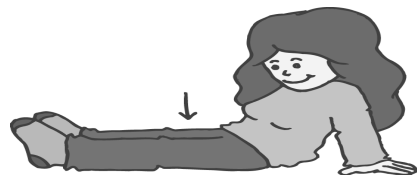


2. **Foot and ankle exercises**  
Repeat 10 times each hour



Move your ankles up and down and in circles.

3. **Static quadriceps**  
Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.  
Tighten the muscles at the front of your thigh by pushing the back of your knee into the bed. Hold the thigh muscle tight for 10 seconds.



4. **Static Gluteal**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.

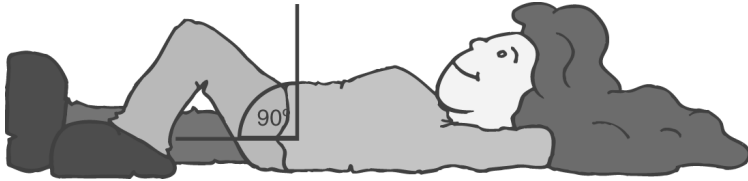
Squeeze your buttock muscles together and hold tight for 10 seconds.

5. **Heel Slides**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.

Slide your heel along the bed toward your bottom.

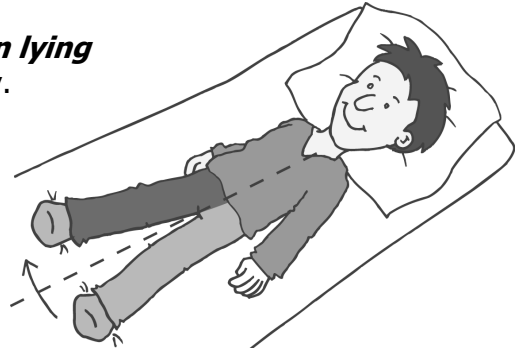
Do not bend your hip more than 90°.



6. **Hip Abduction/Adduction in lying**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.

Keeping leg straight and toes pointed towards the ceiling, move leg out to side and return. Do not allow leg to cross the midline.



7. **Inner Range Quadriceps**

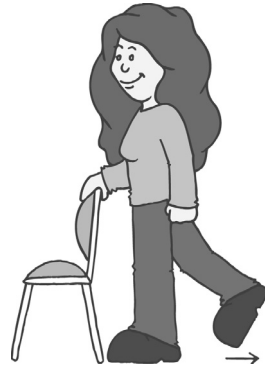
Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.



Place a rolled up towel under your knee. Push the back of your knee into the roll as you straighten your lower leg off the leg. Do not lift your leg off the roll. Hold your leg straight for 10 seconds.

8. **Hip Extension while Standing**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.  
Hold onto something secure for support, move your operated leg backwards and return.



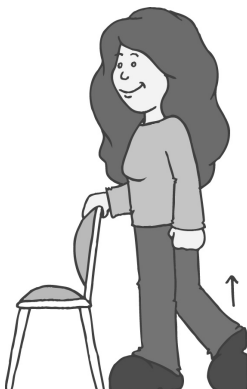
9. **Hip Abduction while Standing**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.  
Hold onto something secure for support, move operated leg straight out to the side and return. Do not lean sideways.



10. **Hip Flexion while Standing**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.  
Hold onto something secure for support, flex operated leg up. Do not let your hip bend past 90°.



11. **Hamstrings while Standing**

Repeat 10 times, 3 times a day.  
Hold onto something secure for support, bring heel up towards your bottom. Keep your knees level.

# ***Complications***

## ***Blood Clots***

A blood clot may occur when blood flow becomes sluggish within the veins of the lower limbs, leading to clot (thrombosis) formation.

The symptoms of a blood clot may include pain, redness and/or swelling in your lower leg.

These steps are taken to decrease your risk of developing a blood clot:

- Lower limb exercises (e.g. foot & leg exercises)
- Early mobilisation
- Anti-thrombolytic support stockings
- Anticoagulant medication
- Sequential Compression Device i.e. calf compressors or foot pumps.

## ***Infection***

Infection is a risk with any surgical intervention because it involves the disruption of your main defence against infection: your skin. The following steps are taken to decrease your risk of infection after surgery:

- Keeping your dressing intact
- Antibiotics (only if specified by your Surgeon)

## ***Swelling***

Swelling post-operatively is normal and can be expected intermittently for up to 3-6 months after surgery. Regular ice packs (at least 3 times daily) in the first few weeks will help to reduce and control swelling. Apply ice packs for 20-30 minutes at a time changing the position of the ice pack every 5-10 minutes. Elevation will also help to control and reduce swelling. Ideally the affected joint should be higher than your heart to maximise the benefits.

# ***Going Home***

## ***Pain Medications***

Before you leave, the Pharmacist will provide you with enough medication to last you for about one to two weeks. If you continue to require pain medication for more than two weeks, it is best to be reviewed by your GP, or contact your Surgeon. Pain medications aim to allow you to walk and exercise effectively with a controlled level of discomfort/pain. Remember that the amount of pain you are trying to control is the pain when you are walking and exercising, not when you are at rest. Alternate methods of pain relief include using ice packs and elevating your leg to reduce swelling.

## ***Wound care***

Your dressing should remain intact until the clips or sutures are removed around day 10 to 14 depending on Surgeon preference. Arrangements for removing the clips or sutures will be made prior to discharge by the Care Coordinator.

## ***Symptom Alert***

You may experience lower leg swelling up to 6 months after discharge. If this occurs, sit or lie down and elevate your leg.

Contact your Surgeon if you have any concerns. For example:

- An increase in pain
- Any swelling not reduced by elevation
- Wound separation or discharge
- Elevated temperature and a reddened wound
- Pain in your calf
- Difficulty breathing

**Note: Always remember the Hip Precautions**



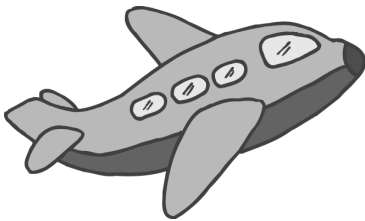
## ***Walking***



For the first 6 weeks after your operation your walking aid should be used unless otherwise specified by your Surgeon. The amount of weight bearing allowed during this time would have been discussed with you by the Physiotherapist and Surgeon before discharge. Keep walking within moderation. Gradually increase the amount of walking that you perform daily. At your 6 week follow up appointment your Surgeon will inform you about any walking aid you may still need and the extent to which you may weight bear.

## ***Driving:***

By law you are not allowed to drive for 6 weeks after your operation. If you need to drive within six weeks of your operation, you are required by law to sit for a driving test with the Roads and Maritime Services.



## ***Travel:***

Avoid sitting for long periods to prevent your leg from swelling. Wear your special pressure stockings and do your ankle exercises if you have to fly anywhere.

## **Sex**

Avoid sexual intercourse for the first six weeks. It is advisable for your partner to take the active role, and for you to lie on your back, with hips and legs apart. This is the most stable position for your hip. Women should avoid rotating their legs excessively outwards. Ask the Occupational Therapist or Nursing staff if you have any questions.

## **Swimming**

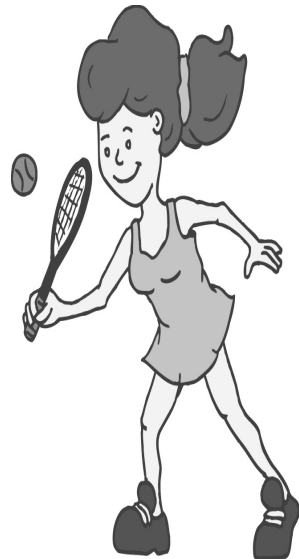
Swimming is an acceptable form of general exercise, however, it is NOT allowed until clips or sutures have been removed AND your wound is fully healed. The swimming pool must have safe access (i.e. ramp or stairs).

## **Other Activities:**

During the first 6 weeks after your surgery, we recommend limiting your activities to walking with your walking aid and your exercise program.

In general, after 6 weeks we encourage you to walk more independently to build up your strength, possibly with the assistance of a walking stick.

We also recommend that you refrain from more active pursuits such as golf and social tennis until 3 months from the date of your surgery or as directed by your Surgeon.



***Note: If more clarification is needed,  
please speak to your Surgeon.***

# ***Antibiotic Alert***



Because your new hip is made of foreign material there is always a low risk of infection settling around the prosthesis.

***If you ever have any active infection (skin, urine, chest or other infection), it is important to seek an urgent review by your local doctor. If you are unable to contact him/her, then go to your nearest public hospital for attention.***

If you require a dental procedure or other operation it is important that you have antibiotic cover. Remember to inform the Surgeon and anaesthetist performing such procedures in advance that you have an artificial hip joint.

# Discharge Checklist

Expected date of discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Appointments</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
• Local GP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Surgeon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Community services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Physiotherapy:</b>			
• Copy of exercise program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Outpatient Physiotherapy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Wound Care:</b>			
• Care of wound explained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Medications:</b>			
• Pharmacist review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Own medications returned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Scripts supplied	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>X-Ray:</b>			
• All X-rays returned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equipment:</b>			
• Supplied & deposit paid	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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