

Hip Replacement Rehabilitation

DO THE FOLLOWING EXERCISES EVERY 1-2 HOURS YOU ARE AWAKE AFTER YOUR SURGERY:

These exercises are a guide

there is no substitute for a good walk.

But if stuck at home be sure to follow!

DEEP BREATHING EXERCISES:

- Take a slow, deep breath in through your nose, out through your mouth.
- > If you become dizzy, take a short break.
- > You can do this sitting or lying on your back.
- > Do 5-10 repetitions.

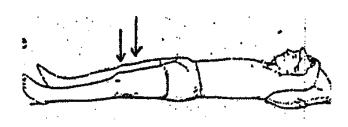
ANKLE PUMPS:

- Bend your ankles up toward your body and then point your feet away from your body.
- > Do 10 repetitions.



. QUADRICEPS CONTRACTIONS:

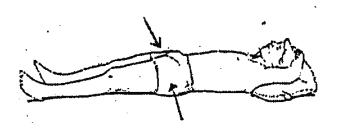
- With your knee straight, push your knee firmly into the bed, tightening the muscles on the front of your thigh.
- > Hold to a count of 5.
- > Do 10 repetitions.





GLUTEAL CONTRACTIONS:

- Lying on your back, squeeze your buttocks firmly together.
- ➤ Hold to a count of 5.
- > Do 10 repetitions.



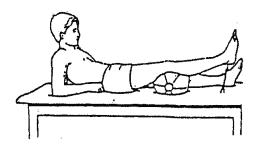
RANGE OF MOTION – Lying:

- Lying on your back with a sheet around your foot, cross sheet and hold in hands.
- ➤ Bend up your hip/knee.
- When you have bent it as far as possible, gently pull up on the sheet to bend further.
- > Hold for a count of 5 and slowly straighten.
- Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 4 times per day.



QUADS OVER KNEE ROLL:

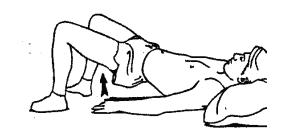
- Lying on your back with a roll under your knee, push your knee down onto the roll and lift your heel off the bed, straightening your knee.
- ➤ Keep knee on the roll. (At home use a large juice or coffee can wrapped in a towel for a roll).
- ➤ Hold to a count of 5 and slowly lower.
- > Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 4 times per day.





. BRIDGING:

- Lie on your back with both knees bent up.
- > Push through your feet and raise your buttocks, keeping your stomach tight.
- ➤ Hold for a count of 5 and slowly lower.
- > Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 2 times per day.

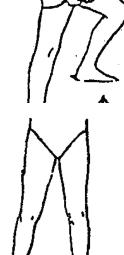


. STANDING HIP FLEXION:

- ➤ Holding on to a firm surface, lift foot up onto a step or stair, then off again.
- > Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 2 times per day.

STANDING HIP ABDUCTION:

- Holding on to a firm surface, raise straight leg out to the side and lower.
- > Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 2 times per day.



. STANDING HIP EXTENSION:

- Holding on to a firm surface, raise straight leg backwards and lower.
- > Do 10 repetitions.
- > Do 2 times per day.





Remember

Precautions

First 6 weeks

No Driving

No Flexion beyond 90 degrees

No crossing legs

No Twisting

No leg weights

After 6 weeks

Driving allowed

Flexion greater than 90 degrees

Crossing legs allowed

No twisting

No leg weights

Encourage swimming, cycling and elliptical training

Most Patient back to work by 12 weeks

Long-term can do recreational sports e.g golf, doubles tennis, curling, cycling etc No impact sports allowed

Impact Sports only for Hip Resurfacing patients at 9 months post surgery.