

Therapies

Precautions following hip surgery

The purpose of this leaflet is to explain the hip precautions you will need to follow after your surgery.

Your surgeon has advised that you follow the precautions below for 6 weeks after your surgery. If you do not follow these, there is a possibility you could dislocate your new hip. After this time, you will not need to follow these precautions strictly, but still need to be careful to avoid the extremes of movement.

1. Do not bend your hip past 90 degrees, avoid bending down to your feet or bringing your leg up towards you.
2. Do not cross your legs/ankles when lying down, sitting or standing.
3. Do not swivel on your feet when turning or twist your upper body when trying to reach across. Always make sure you face what you are doing.

Avoid the following movements:

- Bending to the floor to pick up objects or apply clothing - use the helping hand and dressing aids instead
- Lying on your un-operated side
- Pulling the blankets up from your feet in bed



Patient Information

- Sitting in a low chair – you will be told your safe sitting height
- Leaning your trunk forward too far when standing up

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