



Hip Fracture Recovery Pathway: Day 8 to 28 After Surgery

| Care | Things to do | Day 8 to 28 After Surgery | Things to Think About | Goals |
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| Fluid and Nutrition | → Eat all meals at a table or in the dining room | → Higher protein/calorie diet ask if you need a nutritional supplement → Drink plenty of fluids → Regular bowel movements | If you need help at home: → family/friends → frozen meals → Meals on Wheels® | → Independence with meals → Balanced and healthy meals to help you recover sooner → More strength and energy |
| Daily Activities | → Do self-care every day | → Use the equipment set up to make you safe (e.g., grab bars, raised toilet seat, bath bench) → Wear your own clothes → Use dressing aids (e.g., reacher, sock aid, long-handled shoe horn) | If you need help at home: → Home Care may be arranged (can self-refer) | → Independence with self-care |
| Mobility | → If you have hip precautions, follow them until your doctor or therapist says you can stop | → Walk at least 3 times a day, a little further each time → Do your hip exercises 2 to 4 times a day → Use your walking aid until your therapist tells you otherwise | If needed, your therapist will teach you to: → go up and down stairs → get in and out of a car | → Walk 10 to 30 metres 3 times a day for the first week → Progress to walking 50 to 100 metres 3 times a day by week 4 → Independence with mobility → Exercise regularly to a total of 150 minutes each week |
| Medications | → Know what medicine you take and why → Talk to your doctor about osteoporosis medicine and treatment | → To prevent or treat osteoporosis: take calcium and vitamin D supplements (make sure your doctor knows) take your osteoporosis medicine if prescribed → Take medicine for pain as needed; tell your doctor if the pain isn't getting better → Keep taking your blood thinner as ordered | If you need help giving yourself the blood thinner injection: → family/friends → Home Care | → On osteoporosis treatment → Pain is manageable and getting better |
| Fall Prevention & Safety | → Remove tripping hazards like throw rugs | → Use your glasses and hearing aids → Wear non-slip footwear → Watch your step and don't rush → Tell your doctor if you have dizzy spells → Use a night light | If you need help to make your home safe: → Home Care assessment → medical alert system | → Be safe at home → Prevent falls and injuries |
| Follow-Up Care | → Talk with your family doctor about ongoing care | → Staples out by Day 14 → Lab work as ordered by your doctor → Follow-up x-ray and appointment with your surgeon if ordered | If you need help at home with your surgical incision: → family/friends → Home Care | Talk to your doctor about: → your fall, surgery, and recovery → preventing further falls and fractures → ongoing medical treatment |