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Home-Based Accelerated Recovery Programme

A patient's guide



The Whittington Hospital HARP program aims to promote rapid recovery after hip and knee replacement and to allow a safe return home within 24 hours of surgery. The program involves improvements to patient preparation and their hospital stay, combined with additional nursing and physiotherapy support at home.

Before Hospita Preassessment - medical conditions identified & optimised

 Joint school- Practical patient education work-shop with combined occupational therapy + physio' review

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- Optimised surgical & anaesthetic techniques
- Walking with crutches a few hours after surgery
- Minimal use of drains, catheters, drips, blood transfusions and pain pumps
- Improved pain management

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- Discharge home within 24 hours provided well and able
- Next-day home visit from experienced virtual ward nursing team- continued daily according to need
- Initial home based physiotherapy (SDRT)
- Return to see the surgical team in clinic after 13 days

Who is suitable?

- Aged under 75yrs
- Fit and healthy (without poorly controlled medical conditions)
- Living in Haringey or Islington
- Well supported at home (another adult at home all the time during the first 3-4 days)
- Patient keen to join the program
- Experienced staff will be on hand to discuss your suitability during "joint-School"

What If?

- What if I am not able to go home after 24hrs? Patients will only be discharged home when safe and confident to go.
- What if I have a problem after going home? The virtual ward nursing team will be able to confirm that progress is as expected. The team will also be in close communication with the Surgical Unit and an urgent or earlier review can be arranged if needed.
- What if I don't want to join the HARP program?
 Only patients who are keen to be join the program will be included

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