

# Total Knee Replacement

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Every Day:

- ✓ No smoking! Avoid secondhand smoke.
- ✓ Balance activity and rest.
- ✓ Resume a well-balanced diet or the specific diet your physician recommended.
- ✓ Take your medication as prescribed. Avoid NSAIDS (Advil, Naproxen, Ibuprofen, etc.) until your doctor tells you to take them.
- ✓ Monitor your surgery site daily.

My Doctor:

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Telephone:

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## Green Zone: All Clear. This is the safety zone if you have:

- ✓ Pain that is controlled by prescribed pain medications.
- ✓ No swelling, redness, or draining at your surgery site.
- ✓ Been keeping all appointments with physical therapy and your doctor.



## Yellow Zone: Warning. Call your doctor if you have:

- ✓ Pain that is not controlled by prescribed pain medications.
- ✓ Fever higher than 100.5 degrees.
- ✓ Swelling that seems to be worsening, redness, opening of wound, cloudy or bloody drainage from your surgical site.
- ✓ Trouble tolerating physical therapy well.



## Red Zone: Medical Alert!

Go to the emergency department or call 911 if you have:

- ✓ A fall at home.
- ✓ Shortness of breath or chest pain.

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Total Knee Replacement. Available at: <https://orthoinfo.aaos.org/en/treatment/total-knee-replacement/>  
Cleveland Clinic. At Patient's Guide to Total Joint Replacement and Complete Care. Available at: <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/ccf/media/Files/Ortho/patient-education/total-joint-replacement-patient-guide.pdf?la=en>

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