



DUNGY ORTHOPEDIC CENTER

Total Knee Replacement Post-Operative Instructions

1. Shower daily, allowing your incision to be cleaned. Pat it dry. Do not soak your wound in water such as a tub, pool, whirlpool, or hot tub until 3 weeks post-operatively.
2. Practice your exercises as taught by your physical therapist. Work hard to bend and straighten your knee.
3. You may bear weight as tolerated on your legs. As both you and the therapist feel stronger and more confident, you may discontinue assistive devices (walker, cane, crutches, etc.).
4. Your wound “tape” and “glue” will be removed at your first post-operative appointment.
5. Do NOT drive until it is deemed safe by the therapist and you are no longer taking narcotic prescription pain medication.
6. Most patients will need to take 81mg of aspirin twice daily for 35 days. If you are at high risk for a blood clot, then you may need to take either Lovenox (blood thinner shots) or Xarelto (pills) for a total of 3 weeks. If you develop an upset stomach or notice that your stool has become darker and/or more foul smelling, call the office for assistance.
7. Call the office to confirm that your first post-operative appointment has been scheduled for two weeks after surgery. The specific date and time is also listed in your surgical packet.

Do not hesitate to contact Dr. Dungy’s office if you have any questions or concerns; especially, if your wound has excessive drainage or redness, you develop excessive leg swelling, or you experience uncontrolled pain and/or fever.