



Hip Fracture Recovery Pathway: After Surgery: Day 8 to 28

Care	Things to Keep Doing	Day 8 to 28 After Surgery	Things to Think About	Goals
Fluid and Nutrition	→ Eat all meals at a table or in the dining room	 → High-protein, high-calorie diet (ask if you need a nutritional supplement) → Drink plenty of fluids → Regular bowel movements 	If you need help at home: → Family or 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 (like grab bars, raised toilet seat, bath bench) → Wear your own clothes → Use dressing aids (like reacher, sock aid, longhandled shoe horn) 	If you need help at home, Home Care may be arranged (you can also contact Home Care yourself, without a referral)	→ Independence with self-care
Mobility	→ Continue your activities and exercises as instructed by your doctor or therapist	 → 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	 → Independence with mobility → 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 → Exercise regularly to a total of 150 minutes (2.5 hours) each week
Medicines	 → 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 or friends → Home Care	 → On bone health treatment plan → Pain is manageable and getting better
Fall Prevention and Safety	→ Remove tripping hazards like throw rugs	 → Use your glasses and hearing aid → 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 	Your Fracture Liaison Service (FLS) team will continue to contact you about your bone health If you need help at home with your surgical incision: → Family or friends → Home Care	 Talk to your doctor about: → Your fall, surgery, and recovery → Preventing further falls and fractures → Ongoing medical treatment