# Estimated Discharge Date for Total Knee Replacements & Total Hip Replacements

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## EXCELerated Recovery Program:

## Introduction

- The goal of the EXCEL*erated* Recovery Program is a 2 day LOS for patients meeting criteria to be discharged to home following their stay in the hospital
  - Approximately 50% of total joint replacement patients will qualify for the program<sup>3</sup>
- Several guiding principles were followed in designing the EXCELerated Recovery Program pathway:
  - Maintain highest levels of patient care, quality and outcomes
  - Improve patient satisfaction through new educational materials and increased care coordination
  - Streamline workflows

<sup>3</sup>Patients are identified as EXCEL*erated* Recovery candidates based on Risk Assessment Prediction Tool (RAPT) score. Patients scoring 7 or higher will qualify for the program.

#### Risk Assessment Prediction Tool (RAPT)

Risk Assessmer	nt Prediction Tool			
Patient Name / MRN:	What is the best way for our nurse manager to contact you?			
(Place Label Here)	Patient Home Phone:			
•	Patient Cell Phone:			
Date of Assessment:	Patient Work Phone:			
Date/Planned Surgery:	Patient Email:			
Question	Please select one answer for each question. Leave blank if you are unable to answer any.	Office Use Only		
Would you have a discharge preference for after	Home			
surgery?	Post Acute Facility			
	Undecided			
What is your age?	Less than 65 years	2		
	66-75 years	1		
	Greater than 75	0		
Gender	Male	2		
	Female	1		
How far, on average, can you walk? (a block is 200 meters)	2 blocks or more (with or without rest)	2		
	1-2 blocks (the shopping center)	1		
	Housebound (most of the time)	0		
What do you currently use to help you to walk?	Nothing	2		
	Cane	1		
	Walker/Crutches	0		
Do you currently have help from the community	None or one visit per week	1		
(home health aide, visiting nurse, meals on wheels)?	2 or more visits per week	0		
Will someone be available at home to assist you	YES	3		
after discharge from the hospital?	NO	0		
Total Score:				

A RAPT score of 7 or greater and a planned discharge for HOME qualifies a patient for the Rapid Recovery Program

## **EXCELerated Recovery Program:**Guiding Principles & Key Features

- Key features:
  - Early mobilization
    - Patients ambulate on the day of surgery with assistance from Physical Therapy and Nursing
  - Standardized medical management
    - Patients' post-op pain management and care instructions are geared toward increased mobility and rapid rehabilitation
  - Enhanced care coordination
    - Multidisciplinary team coordinates care across patient journey
  - Patient centered care
    - Patients understand their plan of care, and work with their care team earlier in the process



## EXCELerated Recovery Program: Patient Pamphlet

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#### What should I expect once I have decided to have hip or knee replacement surgery?

- Your surgeon's office will schedule all of the following for you:
  - Surgery
  - Pre-Admission Testing Visit
  - Joint Replacement Education Class (recommended)
- You will be contacted by MGH Case
  Management approximately 1 month prior to
  your surgery to schedule a 30 minute telephone
  interview with your Orthopaedic Nurse Case
  Manager. The purpose of the interview is to
  make custom arrangements for your continued
  recovery following your hospital stay.
   (You can contact MGH Case Management at
  617-724-6860 should you have questions in
  advance of your telephone interview.)
- Your surgeon will provide you with specific information on how to prepare for your surgery, stay in the hospital and follow-up care.

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## Hip & Knee Joint Replacement Surgery Frequenty Asked Questions

#### Q. Following my joint replacement surgery, how long will I recover in the hospital?

A. Patients typically stay in the hospital 2-3 days following surgery. Some patients qualify for the **Rapid Recovery Program**. This is an accelerated rehabilitation program for patients that are planning to be discharged to home. Your surgeon and case manager can provide you with further details on the program and let you know if you qualify.

#### Q. Where will I recover following my stay in the hospital?

A. Your Preadmission Orthopaedic Nurse Case Manager will assist you in selecting a recovery setting suitable for your needs. Many patients are able to discharge directly to home. Afterhospital recovery options include outpatient physical therapy, home care services (nursing and/or physical therapy) and skilled nursing facility rehabilitation.

### Q. If I want to further research total joint replacement surgery on the internet, which websites do you suggest I refer to?

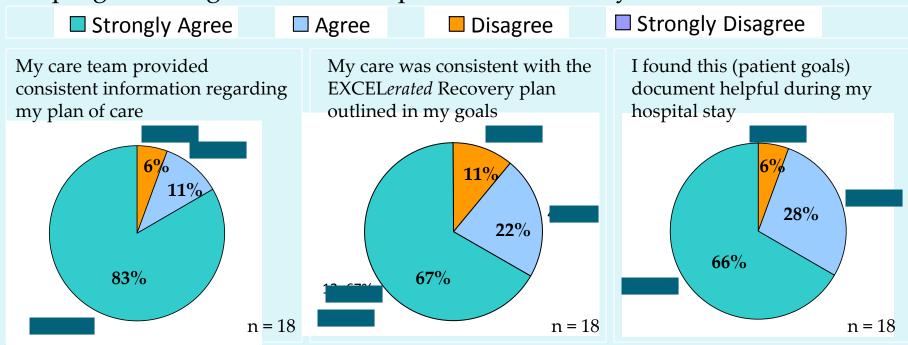
A. Patient education materials and videos are available on the MGH Orthopaedics Hip & Knee Replacement Service website: www.massgeneral.org/ortho/hipandknee/

Additional information can be found on the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) website: http://orthoinfo.aaos.org/

## **EXCELerated Recovery Program:** Patient Bedside Card

Total Hip/Knee Replacement Rapid Recovery Patient Goals		Notes:	
Date of Surgery:  Anticipated Discharge Date:  *** If I am unable to achieve these goals, I will discu		iss my continued tred	atment plan with my care team***
Goals for Day of Surgery:	_	y After Surgery:	Goals for 2 Days After Surgery:
<ul> <li>■ My care team will help me to sit upright at the side of my bed</li> <li>■ My nurse will remove my urinary catheter</li> <li>■ I will get up and use the bathroom with assistance</li> </ul>	discharge the Getting presself of the Getting presself of the Getting presself of the Getting family them of my of the Getting family work with my (Therapist in the	bathroom with lerapist will work morning and a walker or will review my ns with me, ny transportation and ne criptions filled ng how to use tion medication ly/friends to inform discharge plans replacement I will Docupational e afternoon	<ul> <li>■ My Physical Therapist will work with me to achieve mobility goals to discharge home</li> <li>■ I will independently administer my anticoagulation medication</li> <li>■ I will understand and communicate my discharge medication plan to my care team</li> <li>■ I will have a plan to pick up my discharge prescriptions</li> <li>■ I will get to go home where I will carry out my continued care plan</li> </ul>
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• Results from EXCELerated Recovery Program patient survey suggests program integrated into care plan and effectively communicated



- Positive narrative comments from patients<sup>6</sup>:
  - ".. I was surprised at how much I could do immediately after knee replacement with physical therapy... I was pleased I was able to move along as a fast track patient and become mobile quickly"
  - "Everything from surgery to nursing care to PT work was wonderful"
  - "Dr. X and his care team have been amazing at all levels a fine doctor surrounded by a quality team of health professionals"
  - "My care team gave me very good instructions"

## Estimated Date of Discharge

- Multidisciplinary Rounds (ND, CNS, ARN, Team Rep.-N.P., CM, PT, OT, Social Service, Nutrition)
  - ARNs presents each patient utilizing PEPL
  - Address care plan, goals for the day, education needs, barriers to d/c, estimated d/c date
  - Discharges for the day reviewed with staff
  - Estimated date of discharge reviewed and written on board
  - OA updates C-beds/ and board at the desk
  - ARN continues to communicate with multidiciplinary team throughout day as the plan evolves

