



Collaboration between You, Your Doctor, and the Hospital Team *Improving your Outcomes, Total Joint Replacement Surgery*

Because you have tried all available conservative treatment(s) and continue to have pain that interferes with your quality of life, together we have agreed that surgical intervention is the best option for you. We want to highlight the importance of developing a collaborative effort with you as you elect to have Joint Replacement Surgery.

While feelings of apprehension are completely normal before any surgical intervention, we would like to avoid these feelings by making you and your family active members of this process. As we continue to develop our collaborative effort, please understand that we will do the best job that we can do to get you back to full function and an active lifestyle. Our goal is to restore you to the highest level of activity as quickly as possible.

Collaboration begins with the understanding that although we strive for perfection in all ways, the success of the surgery depends not only on the surgery itself, but also on your participation and the ability of your body to heal. Because there can be unexpected outcomes with any surgical intervention, our collaboration with you can help you to better work through these unexpected outcomes. We will be there with you every step of the way! Please share any feelings or questions you may have about your surgery or the recovery process.

Overall, our goal is to provide you with as much information as possible prior to surgery, to ensure that you feel comfortable with not only the surgical procedure itself, but also the expectations afterwards. We emphasize education in order to enhance your ability to become a partner in your own care. Through active participation in your treatment plan, you will play a major role in determining your outcomes.

Education will continue throughout your hospital stay. Our dedicated team of Surgeons, Physician Assistants, Nurses, and Physical Therapists will guide you through the steps of recovery from your Joint Replacement Surgery. With this education you and your family will become an active part of the decision making process.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Patient Signature/Name (printed) & Date