

Pre-Hip surgery exercise class - Information for patients

This information sheet is about an exercise class available for people before and after hip surgery. This is private exercise class that is not run by the NHS but by Private Health UHD.

Who are Private Health UHD?

Private Health UHD are a Private arm of the University Hospitals Dorset. All staff are employed by the NHS, but provide a private service where income generated is reinvested back into NHS services.

Who is the class for?

This therapist led exercise group is for people who have either:

- 1) Been placed on a waiting list for a hip replacement operation
- 2) Recently undergone hip surgery, for example a total hip replacement (THR). There is another patient leaflet about this.

You can attend the class while you are waiting for your operation, and you can then return once you have had your operation if you wish.

Who is the class suitable for?

If you are on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery:

- You need to be mobile either unaided or with 1 or 2 sticks or crutches. The class will not be suitable if you need a frame.
- You must be well enough to exercise
- You must be able to mobilise for approximately 5 minutes but be prepared for exercising on and off for 50-60 minutes.

When you arrive for your first session, we will check that you meet these criteria. If you do not meet the criteria you will not be able to take part in the class.

When and where do the classes run?

The class runs once a week on a Tuesday at Christchurch Hospital. For **the first class we ask you to arrive at 14.15** so we can do a few checks and prepare you for the class. The class runs at 14.30 for about 50-60 minutes. Christchurch Hospital is situated on Fairmile Road. Please report to the main reception in Christchurch Hospital by the main entrance. We will then collect you from the waiting area and bring you to the gym.

What will the class entail?

You will be guided through a group warm up, complete an exercise circuit and then a group cool-down.

The aim of this group is to provide you with supervised exercise sessions to help improve your hip movement, strength and function. Everyone will have a different experience before and after their surgery and will function and recover at varying levels/rates.

Why are we offering an exercise class?

The NHS do not offer a pre-operative specific hip class, but there are several benefits of exercising pre-operatively if you are waiting for a hip replacement. The exercises in the class will aim to strengthen the muscles around the hip, improve your general mobility as well as familiarising you with some of the post-operative exercises and rehab. People who are fitter going into surgery, generally recover from operations quicker and with fewer complications.

What are the benefits of exercising in a class?

The class is supervised by a registered physiotherapist. There will be various options for progressing exercises, and asking general questions about exercising and recovery. The class will be an opportunity to meet other people who are also in a similar situation as well as people who recovering from hip surgery. Lots of people find exercising in a group beneficial for motivation, connecting with other people and well-being.

At what point can I attend?

If you are wanting to attend *before* your operation, you can attend as soon as you have been placed on the waiting list.

You cannot attend the class *after* your operation until at least 3 weeks have passed.

Will it make my hip painful?

We would expect the pain level in your hip to increase as a result of doing the class. This is a normal response to increasing your activity level. You will need to take the class at your own pace to ensure your pain stays at a manageable level. We recommend you take your regular pain relief before and after the class. Please bear in mind that there will be people at different stages and times after their operation, as well as with different severity of arthritis pre-operatively.

Do I have to attend?

No, it is up to you if you want to attend. There will be a cost associated with attending. You can attend as many or as few sessions as you want, provided there is space in the class. There is a maximum of 14 people that can attend each class.

Will I need to pay?

You will need to pay to attend. It costs £7 per session. You will need to pay in advance to attend. You can book several weeks in advance. We would like to offer a block booking deal of 5 sessions for the cost of 4 (£28). We will keep a waiting list in case of cancellations.

How do I book a space on the class?

To book a space on the class, please call 0300 019 4992. You can email uhd.privatehealth@nhs.net with 'hip exercise class' as the subject to ask any questions and to request a call. You can pay over the phone by card. To book on the class, we will need your name and hospital number or date of birth.

You must contact us to book on the class. You cannot turn up on the day, as there will be no way to take payment. There is also no guarantee that there will be space.

What if I need to cancel?

If you have booked a single class and cancel with more than 24 hours notice we will refund the £7 fee for the class. You could also roll this payment forward and book on the next available suitable class. Please contact us by phone 0300 019 4992 so we can process your refund or cancel and rebook. If you cancel on the day, unfortunately we will be unable to refund that session.

If you book a block of sessions for example, 5 for the price of 4, you are booking 5 consecutive classes. If you are unable to attend one of these classes, we will be unable to offer you a refund. If you cancel a class with at least 24 hours notice, we are happy to roll a maximum of 1 class forward to the end of the block.

What if there is no space on the class?

We will run a waiting list in case we get any cancellations, so we can contact people last minute if a space becomes available. If we consistently run a waiting list we will consider running additional classes.

What is the money used for?

Private Health UHD is part of the Poole and Bournemouth Healthcare Trust Charity. All money and fees for this class are reinvested into University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust. Some money goes towards our charity fund and the rest will be provided to physiotherapy services, which can support, for example, the training of the staff and new equipment.

How many sessions do I need to attend?

You can attend as few or as many sessions as you would like, provided there is space.

What do I do with the form?

You need to complete the form to attend the class. Please bring the completed form with you when you attend your first class.

What should I wear?

It is important that you wear closed, comfortable footwear, and clothing that you can exercise in.

What should I bring?

1. For your 1st session bring your filled in form (attached). If you do not fill it out, you will need to do that when you arrive. You will not be able to participate in the class without filling this out.
2. If you require any medication e.g. inhaler, please bring these with you. We would recommend you take your normal pain relief as it has been prescribed.
3. Please bring a bottle of water.
4. Please bring your walking aids if required. You will be walking between stations and may need some balance support during the warm-up and cool-down.
5. Please ensure you have eaten before the class.

Contact details

Telephone number for Private Health UHD: 0300 019 4992

Email address: uhd.privatehealth@nhs.net

Pre-op hip class form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Tel number _____

Address _____

Which hip is the problem hip? Left* Right* (*circle)

Who is your consultant? _____

Please list any medical problems or previous operations

Please list any medications that you take:

What are your goals/aims of attending the class?

Please sign that you understand you do not have to _____ Date: _____
attend this class, and it is additional to NHS care ____/____/____

For office Use only:

Meet inclusion/exclusion criteria ☐

Suitable for class ☐

Signed _____ Date _____