North Bay Regional Health Centre

Surgical Care Centre Knee Arthroscopy

Arthroscopy or arthroscopic surgery is a procedure in which a surgeon explores the inside of your joint by using an instrument called an arthroscope. The arthroscope functions like a tiny TV camera, letting your surgeon see the inside of your joint on a screen.



After Surgery:

- You will have bandages or steri-strips over the incisions
- Your knee may be stiff or swollen
- Your knee will be wrapped in a tensor bandage

Recovery:

- Regaining your mobility will begin immediately following surgery
- The goal is to increase range-of-motion and regain full mobility
- You will be discharged from the hospital with a home exercise program. It's important that you do the exercises
- Gradually increase your activity/walking distances
- Check with your surgeon about any activities that you wish to do following surgery
- You may need help with groceries, driving, and yard work after surgery.

Important Reminders:

- Wear loose fitting pants or shorts the day of your surgery
- You will need to have Acetaminophen (Tylenol) extra strength (500 mg) at home to help with pain after your surgery
- You will need ice packs ready at home for your recovery

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