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Total Hip Replacement
Before Surgery Checklist



Medical & Testing

- Have bloodwork drawn - Your surgical team will review these results to ensure you are ready for surgery
- Have Electrocardiogram (EKG) performed - This checks your heart rhythm and helps anesthesia plan safely
- Fill prescription and over the counter medication as instructed

Therapy & Equipment

- Pick up a front-wheeled walker – You will need this for safe walking after surgery
-  Outpatient physical therapy for your hip will start around 4 weeks post-op

Infection Prevention & Nutrition

- Pick up chlorhexidine soap - Begin daily showers/washes 5 days before surgery to reduce infection risk
- Start protein and collagen supplements - These help you heal and support joint recovery

Home & Support Planning

- Arrange for help at home - You will need a responsible adult with you 24/7 for at least 2–3 days after surgery. They can help with meals, mobility, and safety

Day Before Surgery

- Nothing to eat/drink after midnight unless told otherwise - confirm arrival time

Day of Surgery

- Bring ID, insurance card, and your walker. Wear loose-fitting clothes.