

Joint Replacement Procedures and Expected Hospital Stays

Knee Replacement

- **Total knee replacement/arthroplasty (TKR, TKA):** Both weight bearing surfaces of the knee are resurfaced with possible resurfacing of the patella (knee cap).
Expected time in hospital: overnight one or two nights
- **Partial knee replacement/arthroplasty (also called medial unicompartmental or lateral unicompartmental):** Only the part of the knee that is diseased is resurfaced and the part of the knee that is not diseased is not resurfaced.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight one night
- **Patellofemoral arthroplasty (Knee cap resurfacing):**
Expected time in the hospital: overnight one night
- **Revision of knee replacement:** A re-operation on a knee that has had a previous knee replacement which has failed or become loose; part or all of the previous implant is removed and replaced with a new one.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight one or two nights
- **Bilateral partial or total knee replacements:** Both knees are replaced.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight two or three nights

Hip Replacement

- **Total hip replacement /arthroplasty (THR, THA):** Hip ball and socket are replaced.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight one or two nights
- **Revision of hip replacement:** A re-operation on a hip that has had a previous hip replacement which has failed or become loose; part or all of the previous implant is removed and replaced with a new one.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight one or two nights
- **Bilateral hip replacement:** Both hips are replaced simultaneously.
Expected time in the hospital: overnight two or three nights