### Patient & Family Guide

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About 3 months after your surgery, you can be more active and can go back to doing some of your activities and sports.

#### Staying active will help you:

- Manage or prevent other health problems
- > Improve how your knee works
- Make your new knee joint last longer
- Increase your endurance
- Make your muscles stronger and improve how fast you move
- Make your bones stronger
- > Improve your mood
- Sleep better

What are your questions?

Please ask a member of your health care team. We are here to help you.

- Talk with your surgeon, primary health care provider (family doctor or nurse practitioner), or physiotherapist about the activities that are right for you. Try to choose activities that:
  - You enjoy
  - › Are gentle on your joints
  - Match your skills and experience
  - Have a low risk of injury

#### Resources

#### Get Moving: Maximizing Your Activity After a Hip or Knee Replacement

> www.movepainfree.org/wp-content/ uploads/Get-Moving-Booklet\_2015-EN.pdf

Scan the QR code below on your device (open the camera on your device, point the camera at the code, and tap the banner or border that appears)



#### **Community Health Teams**

- Free online or in-person group wellness programs in the greater Halifax area for those age 18 and older.
  - > Phone: 902-460-4560
  - > www.communityhealthteams.ca

#### Canadian 24-hour Movement Guidelines

https://csepguidelines.ca

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