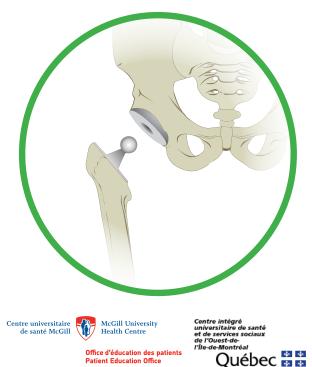
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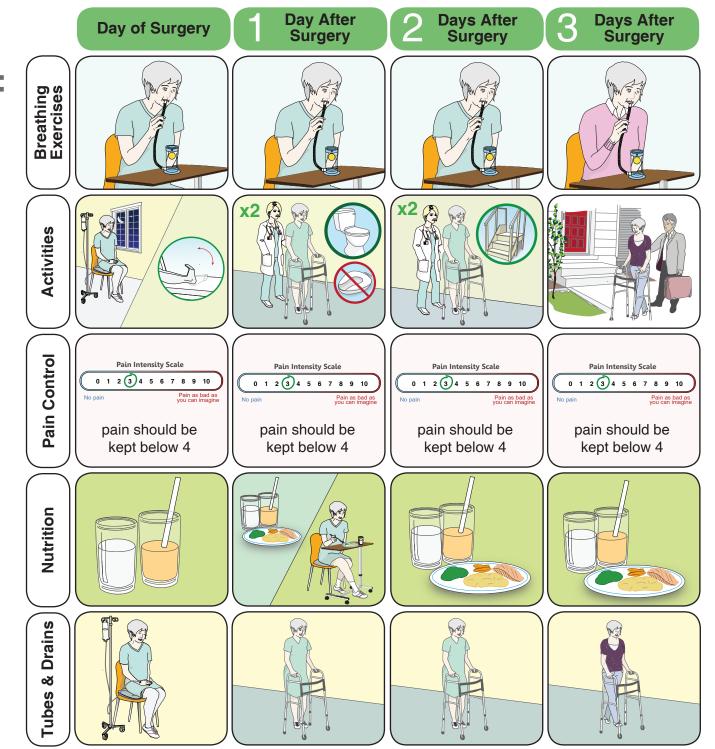


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	Day of Surgery	1 Day After Surgery	2 Days After Surgery	3 Days After Surgery
Breathing Exercises	Start breathing exercises.	Continue doing my breathing exercises every hour while awake.		
Activities	With permission from my nurse and some help, I may get up and sit in the chair, as tolerated. Start doing circulation and leg exercises as soon as I wake up.	 With help, get up and walk 2 times to the door of my room and back to the chair. With help, walk and use the bathroom, not the bedpan or commode. Sit in the chair for all my meals Be out of bed for most of the day. An x-ray of my hip may be done. 	 With help, get up and walk 2 times. Walk a longer distance than yesterday. With help, walk and use the bathroom, not the bedpan or commode. Be out of bed for most of the day. If not done yesterday, an x-ray of my hip may be done. 	With help, get up and walk 2 times. Walk a longer distance than yesterday. With help, walk and use the bathroom, not the bedpan or commode. Be out of bed for most of the day.
Pain Control	Tell my nurse if my pain reaches 4/10 on the pain scale.			
Diet	lf I am not nauseous, drink liquids.	I should be able to go back to my normal diet today. I should drink fluids and eat fruits and vegetables to prevent constipation.	I should be eating my normal diet.	
Tubes & Lines	An intravenous will be connected to give me fluids and medications.	The intravenous might be removed today.	There will be no tubes or drains connected when I leave for home.	

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