

What will happen at my appointment?

You may be:



- ♦ asked to go for an x-ray before you see the nurse or doctor – you will be shown where the x-ray department is

or



- ♦ you will be shown to the consulting room to be seen by the nurse or doctor.

They will:



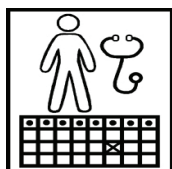
- ♦ ask you some questions about your health and how you have been keeping recently

- ♦ examine your hip / knee

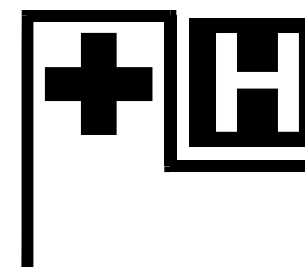


- ♦ explain any x-rays that may have been taken

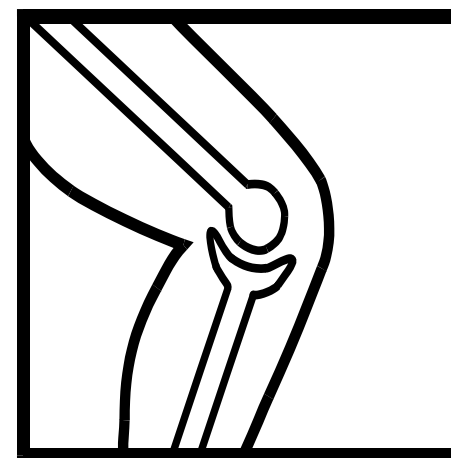
- ♦ give you advice about precautions you should take and about hip/ knee replacement generally



- ♦ possibly ask you to arrange a further appointment.



Arthroplasty Clinic



Outpatient Department

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What is the Arthroplasty clinic?



At the Arthroplasty clinic you will see a doctor who can review your hip / knee replacements.

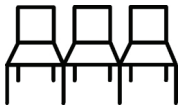


If you need help or a wheelchair, please phone us before you come. Our phone number is on your appointment letter. Please try to arrive on time.

What should I do when I get to the Outpatient Department?



When you arrive, go to the reception desk. Either hand in your appointment card or give your name.



The receptionist will ask you to sit in the waiting area.

What should I do if I cannot come?



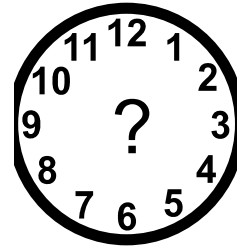
If you cannot come to your appointment please phone the number on your appointment letter

or



e-mail the address on your appointment letter.

How long will my appointment take?



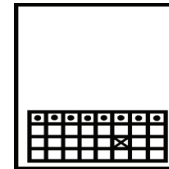
You should allow about 40 minutes for your appointment. When the clinic is very busy you may have to wait.

We will tell you how long you have to wait.

We will give you another appointment time if you cannot wait.

What should I bring to the appointment?

Bring:



- ♦ your appointment card



- ♦ a list of any questions you might want to ask the doctor or any of the staff.