

# How to look after your wound following a hip or knee replacement

When you have been discharged from hospital **do not** remove your own dressing or touch your wound as you could accidentally transfer germs from your fingers to your wound.

If you have any of the following symptoms:

- Increased swelling
- Increased redness
- Increased pain
- Discharge of fluid or pus from wound.

Contact: Ward 8 at Doncaster Royal Infirmary.

Speak to a nurse who will then advise you to either come to the ward to see a doctor or an appointment will be made for you to return to clinic to see the consultant. **Do not** see your GP with any of the above problems or the district nurse.

Clips will be removed after 14 to 21 days following surgery. The dressing should not be changed during this time therefore you will not be discharged with any dressings.

## Contact numbers:

Ward 8 at Doncaster Royal Infirmary: Telephone: 01302 642008

## Patient Advice & Liaison Service (PALS)

The team are available to help with any concerns, complaints or questions you may have about your experience at the Trust. Their office is in the Main Foyer (Gate 4) of Doncaster Royal Infirmary. Contact can be made either in person between the hours of 9am-3pm, by telephone or email.

## The contact details are:

Telephone: 01302 642764/642767 or 0800 028 8059

Email: [dbth.pals.dbh@nhs.net](mailto:dbth.pals.dbh@nhs.net)

