

Questions and Answers for Dr Salin's patients:

The total joint books that you are given are published by the hospitals. Following is a list of commonly asked questions and answers.

1. Do I have to call my insurance company for authorization prior to my surgery? KCBJ and your specific hospital will do all the necessary authorizations needed for your surgery. You should be called from our book keeping department once this is complete. You may be responsible for any deductible that has not been met prior to surgery.
2. Do I need to start Iron tablets prior to surgery? If you currently take iron and it does not upset your stomach, you may continue. This is not a requirement for Dr. Salin's patients.
3. Should I start the exercises in the book prior to surgery? It is always best to try the exercises prior to surgery, but if this increases your pain you do not have to continue.
4. Do I need to schedule a pre-op appointment with Dr. Salin? If we have scheduled your surgery then you have met this requirement for Dr. Salin. If you have an extensive medical history it is always best to contact your primary medical doctor for clearance. The hospital will call you about 2 weeks prior to surgery for any pre-op labs and testing needed prior to surgery.
5. Do I need to donate blood prior to my surgery? Dr. Salin does not recommend that you donate blood prior to surgery. With the minimally invasive approach and techniques there is little blood loss during your surgery.
6. What equipment will I need to purchase prior to my surgery? You will not need to purchase anything prior to surgery. All needed equipment will be provided or ordered for you after surgery if needed.
7. When will I find out my correct arrival time before surgery? Becky will call you the night prior to surgery with your arrival time.
8. How long will I be in the hospital? You will be in the hospital 1-2 days after your surgery.
9. Will I have long term restrictions after surgery? You will not have any long-term restrictions post-surgery. Please follow your specific post-operative instructions.
10. How long should I take antibiotics after my joint replacement? Your implant will never develop a blood supply, so it is Dr. Salin's recommendation that antibiotic pre-meds should be taken for life prior to any dental cleanings or surgical procedures.