

# **Contact Details**

If you have any questions please telephone the RUH Emergency Department on

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# **Knee Injury Exercises**

You may have injured your knee by damaging either ligaments (sprain) or the muscle or tendon (strain). This will cause pain, swelling, stiffness and a limp.

### You should:

- ✓ Use ice-packs (frozen peas wrapped in a towel will do) for 10-minutes, 4-6 times a day
- Rest your leg on a stool with pillows to raise your leg whenever you are sitting
- Take tablets such as Ibuprofen or Paracetamol regularly (both available from a chemist) to relieve pain.

## You should not:

Stand still for long.

If you are not getting better make an appointment to see your GP.

You may have been given a stick/crutches to help you walk. Please bring it/them back when you can walk without it/them. You can leave them at the Emergency Department Reception desk at any time. This will help others.

## **Exercises:**

Exercise your knee gently 4-6 times a day once most of the swelling has gone down. If the movements hurt, try to make them smaller

The exercises for you to do can be found at:

https://gateway.physiotools.com/print/P.aspx?Pr intDataId=fae4b9f390f54b4 212C5A15

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