

Medicines That May Be Used During Your Recovery After Surgery

Knee Replacement with a Short-term Hospital Stay (Outpatient)

Some of these medicines are only used while you are in the hospital. Your health care team will give you instructions for any medicines you need to take after you leave the hospital.

Type of Medicine	Examples	Purpose	Possible Side Effects	Preventing Side Effects
Antibiotics	<input type="checkbox"/> cefazolin (Ancef [®] , Kefzol [®]) <input type="checkbox"/> vancomycin (Vancocin [®]) <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	Help to prevent infection at the surgery site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ diarrhea ■ itching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Take for only a short time after surgery. Follow any instructions given to you.
Anti-nausea	<input type="checkbox"/> ondansetron (Zofran [®]) <input type="checkbox"/> prochlorperazine (Compazine [®]) <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	Help to decrease nausea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ dry mouth ■ blurred vision ■ constipation ■ dizziness ■ lightheadedness ■ headache 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do not take on an empty stomach.
Blood thinning medicines (anti-coagulation)	<input type="checkbox"/> aspirin <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	Help to prevent blood clots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ bruising ■ nausea ■ heart burn ■ skin rash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Take for only a short time after surgery. Follow any instructions given to you. ■ Do not do activities that may lead to injury.