

Protocol for Ortho Patients- no co-morbidities  
For Joint Replacement, Falls, Fractures

Physical Therapy SOC/ no nursing needed

At SOC

PT required to perform the following:

- Orthostatic blood pressure
- Apical pulse
- Respiratory Rate, listen to breath sounds
- Temperature
- Height and weight
- Assess incision
- Lower extremity measurements on operative side, knee, calf, ankle, instep of foot
- Dressing change as ordered/needed to incision
- PT/INR as ordered
- Medication Reconciliation
- Pain Assessment

Follow up visits

PT required to perform the following:

- Blood pressure, apical pulse, respiratory rate, temperature
- Listen to breath sounds
- Assess incision
- Dressing change per orders/as needed
- PT/INR as ordered
- Pain assessment
- Measurements of lower extremities if increased edema, pain, redness