

Equipment Needed After Your Surgery

Total Knee Replacement/Total Hip Replacement/Uni Knee Replacement/Non Weight Bearing

Raised toilet seat

A raised toilet seat makes sitting and standing safer after surgery.

General guide:

- Under 5 ft 4" (162cm): 2-inch raised toilet seat
- 5ft 4" - 6 ft (183 cm): 4-inch raised toilet seat
- Over 6 ft (183 cm): 6-inch raised toilet seat

As a minimum, it is recommended that you purchase a raised toilet seat. However, if you have to currently **push heavily through your arms** to stand, a Mowbray toilet frame (frame and raised seat in one) is recommended.

You can purchase equipment from a number of retailers e.g. **Amazon, Argos** or a local **mobility store**. Approximate prices as follows:

- Raised toilet seat: £15-25
- Mowbray: ~£30
- Toilet frame: £25-40

A more cost-effective option would be to loan equipment from **Wheel Easy Mobility** In Maidstone, or borrow equipment family and friends.

Funding Guidance

NHS Patients

Please purchase toilet equipment before admission based on your needs. Walking aids are provided free of charge

Private Medical Insurance Patients

Please purchase equipment before admission based on your needs.

Equipment is usually classed as a consumable and is often not covered by insurance (check with your provider). **Elbow crutches provided by KIMS will be charged at £40-45** by the billings team once you leave Hospital. If you purchase your own or already crutches, please bring them with you on admission so we can safety-check them.

Self-funding Patients

A physiotherapist will assess your needs on the ward and issue you with the required equipment and walking aid as part of your package.