

ELEVATION & ICING

<u>Purpose</u>: Swelling control; thereby decreasing pain, increasing range of motion and decreasing risk for blood clot.



15 minutes 6-8 times a day

- 1. Elevate your operative leg above your heart, propping it on something soft enough to be comfortable, but firm enough to support the leg.
- 2. Lay as flat on your back as you can.
- 3. Make sure there is nothing pressing on the back of your knee.
- 4. You may use ice and do ankle pumps while elevating.