

If you are interested, then please come and support us. Our meetings in 2009 are:

- 13th January 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 24th February 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 7th April 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 19th May 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 30th June 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 22nd September 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 3rd November 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session
- 15th December 2009** - Coffee morning drop in session

Coffee morning time: 10.30am – Midday

Venue: Margaret Centre Education Unit at Whipps Cross University Hospital.

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Joint Information Group

(JIG)



JIG members January 2009

Orthopaedic Department

Welcome to the Joint Information Group (JIG)

In 2006 a project group was set up at Whipps Cross University Hospital NHS Trust for patients and staff to work together in improving the preparation of patients before they undergo knee replacement surgery. This has since been extended to patients having hip replacement surgery.

The 'Clinic' was developed so that patients have the opportunity to ask a specialist nurse, Occupational therapist, Physiotherapist and a patient who has already had joint replacement surgery any questions about the surgery.

Patients felt that as well as being involved in preparing others for surgery it was also useful afterwards to talk with people who have had the same operation.

The Joint Information Group (JIG) was set up with 3 aims:

- To provide support for patients after a hip or knee replacement. We hold regular informal drop in coffee mornings enabling friendships to develop with fellow patients who have had a joint replacement. We have an annual coach trip and fundraising event.
- To provide support for those waiting for a hip or knee replacement through JIG members attending the 'hip or knee clinic' and sharing their experiences.
- To provide support and feedback to the Orthopaedic Department so that it could continue to develop care for future patients.

There is both staff and patient representation on the group to ensure clinical and patient involvement is met. We are looking for new members to join us for friendly, fun and sociable support after their joint replacement.

