



Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Patient Information

# Functional Restoration and Managing Setbacks

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## Functional Restoration and Managing Setbacks

### 1. What sort of things/situations might trigger a set back?

Think of the last time you had a setback. What sort of things happened to you that resulted in you having a setback?

When you had your setback, what sort of things did you think or do?

### 2. What can I do to manage a set back?

The aim is to find ways in which you can deal with your set back pro-actively, using methods that both acknowledge the difficulty but put it in perspective, leaving you with a greater sense of control.

Try to identify things you can do to help manage a future setback.

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## SETBACK EMERGENCY CARD

- Don't panic – this will get better
- Assess whether this is a new pain or your familiar one
- Try to relax and do some gentle exercises
- Take it slower for a few hours
- Keep active, but potter about
- Begin to pace your exercises up gradually
- Take some of your usual medication if necessary
- Keep in control – don't seek further referral to a 'specialist'
- Try and work out why the setback happened
- Congratulate yourself afterwards for managing it well

