## **RECOVERY TIMES** TOTAL HYSTERECTOMY WITH BILATERAL OOPHORECTOMY

The chart below is intended as an **approximate** guide as to when you might consider returning to day-to-day tasks. if you do not feel ready or experience any discomfort when attempting activities, it is advised that you defer them for longer. Apply common sense and listen to your body when in your recovery. Seek medical advice if you have any concerns.

| WEEKS AFTER THE DATE OF SURGERY                |     |       |       |           |                      |       |                   |         |        |
|--|-----|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|--------|
| ΑCTIVITY TYPE                                  | 1   | 2     | 3     | 4         | <mark>5&amp;6</mark> | 7&8   | 9 <u>&amp;</u> 10 | 11 & 12 | BEYOND |
| MAKING A HOT DRINK                             | YES | YES   | YES   | YES       | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| EXERCISE GIVEN BY PHYSIO/PHYSICAL<br>THERAPIST | NO  | START | YES   | YES       | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| SHORT WALK                                     | NO  | NO    | START | YES       | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| LIGHT HOUSEWORK (DUSTING)                      | NO  | NO    | START | YES       | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| COOKING  | NO  | NO    | START | YES       | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| DRIVING  | NO  | NO    | NO    | POSSIBLY* | YES                  | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| RETURN TO WORK (DESK JOB)                      | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | START                | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| SWIMMING                                       | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | START                | YES   | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| VACUUMING & IRONING                            | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | START | YES               | YES     | YES    |
| RETURN TO AEROBIC EXERCISE                     | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | START             | YES     | YES    |
| HEAVY WASHING LOAD                             | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | START             | YES     | YES    |
| LIGHT GARDENING (NO DIGGING)                   | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | START             | YES     | YES    |
| HOUSEHOLD SHOP                                 | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | START             | YES     | YES    |
| SEX WITH PENETRATION                           | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | START             | YES     | YES    |
| RETURN TO NORMAL WORK                          | NO  | NO    | NO    | NO        | NO                   | NO    | NO                | START   | YES    |

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\* As a precaution it is advisable to contact your motor insurance company to check when they will cover you to start driving again after surgery. BJA 2014 with acknowledgement to Penny Phillips (Women's Health Physiotherapist)