## Joel R. Politi, M.D. CAR INSTRUCTIONS – HIP

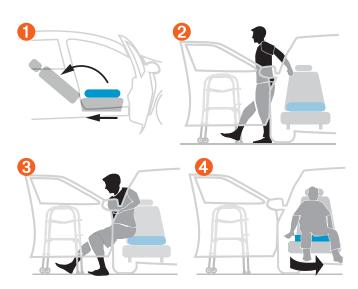


## **Getting Into a Car**

- Adjust passenger side seat to be reclined and pushed back as far as possible. (Place hip cushion on seat if necessary for a car low to the ground.)
- Extend surgical leg in front of you and reach back to find seat.
- Slowly lower yourself down onto seat keeping chest upright to maintain 90° precaution. Fully recline yourself in the car seat.
- Swing non-surgical leg into car. Lift surgical leg with assistance into car while maintaining the 90° precaution.

**Tip:** Use outstretched arm as guide making sure kneecap does not go past palm.

Reverse order of Step 4 for contralateral leg.



## **Getting Out of a Car**

• Fully recline seat and slide it back as far as possible.

- 2 Swing non-surgical leg out of car.
- 8 Fully recline yourself in the car seat. With assistance, lift surgical leg into car while maintaining the 90° precaution.

**Tip:** Use outstretched arm as guide making sure kneecap does not go past palm.

<sup>(3)</sup> Extend surgical leg in front of you. Use car seat or door frame to assist in standing. Keep chest upright to maintain the 90° precaution.

Reverse order of Step 2 and 3 for contralateral leg.

