

Office Surgery Pre and Post-Operative Instructions

**Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our *Surgical Coordinator, Danielle,*
at 850.878.6998 x115.**

Our Surgical Coordinator will be calling you three days before to confirm your surgery's date and time.

Sometimes patients are asked to return to our office for a pre-operative (BEFORE surgery) appointment. Should our physician deem this necessary. This will be sent to you via mail.

You will have 1 or 2 post-operative (AFTER surgery) appointments that will be scheduled.

Prior to your surgery date an antibiotic will be called into your pharmacy (If needed).

A prescription for pain medication will be written before surgery or written on the day of surgery. We advise to begin taking the antibiotics the day **BEFORE** your procedure and start taking the pain medication **AS SOON AS** you get home from your procedure. *Take all medications as prescribed.* Should you experience break through pain, Aleve or Advil may be taken. However, this may not apply to all surgery patients. When your surgery is confirmed, you'll be informed if you should be required to take an antibiotic.

ICE AND ELEVATION. Apply ice to the top of the foot. Always cover the ice pack with a small towel, **DO NOT** allow dressing to become wet. **ELEVATE** your foot **OVER THE LEVEL OF YOUR HEART.** Occasionally bend your knees and rotate your ankles if your dressing allows, this will increase the circulation to the foot.

****NO** ASPIRIN OR PRODUCTS CONTAINING ASPIRIN FOR 7 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR SURGERY.** However, *Tylenol is an acceptable choice. Please check with your physician before stopping any medications.*

If you are taking a blood thinner, such as Coumadin, you may need to stop taking them prior to surgery. This will need to be determined by your primary care provider.

Please **DO NOT** wear any nail polish on the day of surgery.

KEEP DRY!!! If at any time your bandage becomes wet, contact our office immediately. Bandages will need to be changed to decrease any chance of bacteria and/or infection.

You have had a surgical operation; swelling and bruising are expected. In some cases, the skin may take on a bruised appearance. This is no cause for alarm.

DO NOT sit with your feet hanging down. **DO NOT** cross your legs. This cuts off circulation to the feet and can cause swelling. **DO NOT** remove the surgical bandages unless instructed by your physician.

CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN FOR ANY PROBLEM. Some examples: If the bandage shows excessive bleeding, any problems you may experience with medication, or should you bump or injure the surgical site. Please contact your physician's assistant. Dr. Merritt's assistant, ANA Ext. 127, Dr. Rowan's assistant, Linda Ext. 119 and Dr. Spooner's assistant, Dee Ext. 126.

For the first 24 to 72 hours, you may walk to the bathroom, kitchen, etc. After 72 hours, you may increase walking to your comfort, but **remember the more you are on your feet, the more they have a tendency to swell, and the more discomfort you may experience.**

YOU MAY EAT AND DRINK ON THE DAY OF SURGERY. However, eliminate fluids about 30 minutes prior to surgery. You can anticipate being in the surgical suite approximately two (2-3) hours from start to finish.

If you are UNABLE to keep your surgical date, PLEASE contact our office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! If you can give our office at least 1-2 weeks' notice, it would be appreciated!

Non-covered items you will need to purchase on the day of surgery.

Surgical Shoe: \$20.00 If you require a Cast Shoe: \$25.00 Shower Bag: \$7.00

Post-Op Supplies (not covered by insurance) if needed.

Jacoby Splint \$22.00 Tube Foam/Grip: \$3.00/each Vita Ray Crème: \$15.00



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