



POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

PROCEDURE: _____

- Pain Medication: You will be given a prescription for pain medication for after surgery. It will be e-prescribed to your preferred pharmacy on file. This should be filled and ready for use when you return home from surgery. You should not drive, operate heavy machinery or participate in activities that require concentration while taking narcotic pain medications such as Percocet, Oxycodone, Tramadol, Norco, Vicodin or Tylenol with Codeine. You should take an over the counter stool softener while taking narcotic pain medications to prevent constipation. You may additionally take an anti-inflammatory such as Ibuprofen, Motrin or Naproxen with your pain medication if you are able to.
- Activity (as marked):
 - Weight bearing as tolerated
 - Non-weight bearing
 - Sling at all times except to shower and perform exercises.
 - Sling for comfort only. May take off and perform range of motion exercises.
- Cold Therapy: Apply ice to surgical area in a waterproof bag for 30 minutes each hour you are awake. Always place a barrier between your skin and the ice such as a t-shirt.
- Dressing: Will have a glue or prineo dressing. Prineo is a clear mesh like bandage. Prineo will stay on until post-op appt, outside bandages may be removed 48-72 hours after surgery. Okay to shower 48-72 hours after surgery. May get the incision wet, no submerging the area. May apply dry sterile dressings back over the incisions.
- Post-Operative Appointment: Post-operative appointment will be 10-14 days after your procedure.
- Prescription Refill Protocol: Pain prescription refills require an appt. Please call at least 48 hours in advance if you need a refill. Many medications now require an electronic prescription and cannot be called into a pharmacy. Prescriptions will not be filled over the weekend.
- When to call your surgeon: Complications after surgery are fortunately very rare. Call the office if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - ◆ Persistent fever >101, chills
 - ◆ Increasing pain at the surgical site
 - ◆ Increased swelling/pain in the calf
 - ◆ New onset numbness or tingling
 - ◆ Hives or new rashes
 - ◆ Shortness of breath or chest pain
 - ◆ Persistent nausea/vomiting
 - ◆ Drainage from your incision lasting >5 days
- Other Instructions: