

## Post-Operative Instructions

- 1. Rest for the first 12 hours. Mild daily activity for 2-3 days, then resume your normal activities as tolerated. You may experience mild to moderate swelling and/or bruising for 1-2 weeks following your procedure.
- 2. Ice may be applied 2 hours after procedure to minimize swelling. Do not apply directly on skin. You may ice for 20 minute intervals and remove for at least 20 minutes between application.
- 3. Drainage from your incision sites may occur following your procedure. It is recommended to change your dressings every 4-6 hours for as long as you are having drainage. Wash incision sites with warm soap and water. Enainage should subside in 24-72 hours.
- 4. Call the office if you notice any signs or symptoms of infection, such as; redness, increased pain, marked increased in swelling, skin that is warm/hot to the touch or a fever of above 101 F.
- 5. If a compression garment was used you should wear as instructed by your physician. Typically, they are worn for the first 24-72 hours.
- 6. No diet restrictions, maintain a healthy diet. Be sure to drink plenty of water, to aid toxins exiting the body. Therapeutic massage is beneficial to the healing process.
- 7. Avoid direct exposure to sunlight until surgical area is completely healed. Appl<sub>1</sub> sunscreen as directed.

8. Avoid NSAIDS that could increase Ibuprofen, Motrin, Advil, Aleve of prescription medications with the	r Naproxen. Discuss continuing your
9. Keep your follow up appointmen	nt
I have read the post-operative instructions and fully understand what is contained therein.	
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