

Liposuction POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

ACTIVITY

1. You will need to rest frequently the first week. You may walk around the house as tolerated.
2. Every 2-3 hours take deep breaths to expand your lungs.
3. Avoid picking up anything greater than 1-2 lbs the first week. The doctor will advise you when you can start lifting anything heavier.
4. Do not exercise until the doctor says you may do so.
5. You may not drive the first week or while you are taking pain medication.
6. No smoking or being around smoke at least the first 2 weeks after your surgery.

DIET

1. Eat light the first 24 hours, clear liquids advancing to a regular diet as tolerated.
2. If you have persistent nausea stick to a bland diet until it subsides
3. The pain medicine may cause constipation. Drink plenty of fluids. You may take any over the counter laxative as needed.

DRESSINGS

1. You will have a garment that should not be removed for the first week.
2. You may have a lot of drainage from the incisions for 24-48 hours. You may lightly tape gauze over the incisions. You may also want to sit on an absorbent pad to protect the furniture.
3. You may not shower the first week - sponge bathe only.
4. After the first week, you can take the garment off to shower, but it should be worn as much as possible for the next 4-6 weeks.
5. The garment can be washed but should be air dried.
6. You can expect to have a lot of swelling, sometimes it will look like you didn't have the procedure done.
7. At about 10-14 days you may start to urinate more frequently and see a dramatic decrease in the swelling.
8. It could take 6-9 months to see your final result.

MEDICATION

1. The antibiotic should be taken until it is completed as prescribed.
2. The pain medicine is a narcotic and should be taken as prescribed. Do not take any Tylenol while taking the pain medicine. The medication we prescribe already has Tylenol in it.
3. Do not drink alcohol or drive while you are taking the pain medication.
4. The pain medicine can cause nausea and should be taken with food at each dose.
5. You may resume your regular medication after your surgery except for NSAIDs (wait at least 5 days post-op)
6. If you take aspirin or Coumadin, check with our doctor as to when you can resume.

CALL THE OFFICE AT (252) 633-1197 IF YOU HAVE:

1. A temperature greater than 101 degrees.
2. Excessive bleeding saturating the dressings.
3. A sudden increase in drainage, pain, or swelling at the incision site or the surrounding area.
4. If you have persistent vomiting, have a pharmacy number so a script can be called in.
5. Any questions regarding your care.

IF YOU HAVE A LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY CALL 911 AND GO TO THE NEAREST HOSPITAL.