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Postoperative Instructions: Hip Trochanteric Bursectomy

When You Get Home:

Rest for the remainder of the day.

Be Safe- stay in the care of responsible adult the first 24 hours.

Use Ice as much as possible:

20 minutes on/20 minutes off for ice packs/frozen peas

If you use a cold therapy machine, use it according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Pain Medication:

Take your pain medication- it's better to stay ahead of the pain.

Oral Narcotic pain medicines (Vicodin/Hydrocodone, Percocet, Tramadol, Codeine) help with pain, but can cause:

Drowsiness:

Be Safe, don't drive, operative machinery, don't mix it with alcohol.

Stomach upset:

Take with food, or try over the counter Zantac or Tums.

Constipation:

Drink enough fluids, use fiber supplements (Metamucil, Senokot)

Take Prune juice or Milk of Magnesia if still constipated after 2 days

You may take anti-inflammatory medication to help with pain and swelling.

Some patients are prescribed Toradol (Ketorolac): take every 6 hours for 4 days.

Ok to take with Pain Medications, not with other anti-inflammatories

After 4 days of Toradol, you can take other anti-inflammatory medicines like:

Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), Naproxen (Aleve), Lodine, Mobic, Celebrex

Go easy on the anti-inflammatory medications if you have stomach problems.

Dressing and Wound Care:

You have a dressing over hip; keep it in place for 2 days.

You can change the dressing two days after surgery- place a new gauze dressing

It is important to keep it clean and dry, and not have it be contaminated when you use the toilet.

You may take a shower two days after surgery- then pat the incision dry and place a new dressing.

Use a shower chair or plastic shower chair to sit on in the shower.

No submerging in bath or pool or hot tub for two weeks.

Activities and Restrictions:

Crutches:

You will be given a prescriptions for crutches to give you support while you are weightbearing.

You do not have to use the crutches, and you can put full weight on the leg.

Most patients will use the crutches for at least 1-2 days for support.

At your first postop visit we will remove the splint and remove your sutures.

Driving: Only after you are SAFE, which means:

Off pain medications, and able to control a vehicle safely

It can be difficult to control a car after this hip surgery.

Exercises: Begin exercises immediately:

It is okay to gentle move the ankle and knee, and to start gentle exercises for range of motion of the hip.

Physical therapy will give you gentle exercises starting a week or two after surgery.

Problems or Questions? Call us at 925.600.7020

Feel free to call us if you have any concerns, or for:

Unrelenting pain, or increasing swelling or numbness or high fevers (over 101.5)

Continuous drainage or bleeding that is soaking your dressing

Chest pain, shortness of breath