



LIPOSUCTION

Pre-Operative Instructions

- Please advise Dr. Robbins if you are taking any blood thinning medications (e.g., Warfarin, Ibuprofen, NSAIDs, Plavix, Aspirin). These will need to be discontinued prior to surgery per Dr. Robbins' instructions or the physician that manages these medications.
- **DO NOT** take any of the following 10 days prior to surgery:
 - Anti-inflammatories (ibuprofen, Aleve, Motrin, Excedrin, OTC pain medication Tylenol is the ONLY acceptable pain medication to take prior to surgery.)
 - Homeopathic medications (If you are unsure then do not take.)
 - Vitamin E, Fish Oil or Multivitamin
- Take a bath or shower daily with an anti-bacterial liquid soap, like Dial liquid soap, or Hibiclens starting 3 days prior to surgery. These can be purchased at any drug store.
- **DO NOT** eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery. That means NO FOOD OR ANY LIQUIDS INCLUDING WATER.
- **DO NOT** wear jewelry, dentures, hearing aids, or contact lenses the day of surgery.
- **DO NOT** wear make-up, moisturizer, lipstick, deodorant, or nail polish the day of surgery.
- Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing that has buttons or zips in the front. No skinny jeans or leggings the day of surgery. No clothing with any metal on it.
- You will need to arrive 2 hours prior to your surgery time or advised. The arrival time is enclosed in your folder.
- You must bring a driver to take you home after surgery.

Post Care Instructions

- You may resume aspirin or any products containing aspirin, ibuprofen, and vitamins 5 days after surgery.
- Have someone drive you home after surgery and help you at home for as long as you are on the pain medication and/or muscle relaxer.
- You will have a prescription for an antibiotic as well as a pain medication that you need to start when you get home after surgery. You DO NOT need to take this prior to surgery unless instructed by our office.
- Cough and deep breathe every 2 hours to prevent pneumonia.
- Avoid strenuous activity (jogging, running, any activity that increases your heart rate), lifting over 8 pounds, and any vigorous activity (pushing, pulling) for 3 weeks following surgery.

surgery. You may lift over 25 pounds after 4 weeks. Walking is a normal activity that should be restarted right away. You should be up walking around the house following your surgery.

- **If your surgery is on a Monday, you may shower on Thursday. If your surgery is on Wednesday, you may shower on Saturday. If your surgery is on Friday, you may shower on Monday.**
- You will be placed in a compression garment following surgery. This will be reapplied after showering on day 3. (SEE ABOVE FOR SHOWER DAY.) You may purchase an additional compression garment on Amazon or Target. The compression garment will be worn for the first 3 weeks, day and night. Then it is to be worn weeks 4, 5 and 6 in the daytime only. You may continue to wear it longer even after the 6 weeks.

MEDICATIONS

You will be prescribed a ***pain***, (Percocet/oxycodone, or Dilaudid/hydromorphone), ***anti-nausea*** (*Phenergan/promethazine* or *Zofran/ondansetron*) and ***antibiotic*** Keflex/cephalexin, doxycycline, or Cipro/ciprofloxacin) ***medication***. The goal is to stay ahead of the pain so you can rest comfortably and eat/drink without nausea or constipation. Our office recommends starting an over the stool softener, Miralax, Dulcolax prior to surgery. After surgery it is recommended to take it preventatively every day until you are no longer on the narcotic pain medicine. IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A bowl movement 3-4 days following surgery then you may take Milk of Magnesia or Magnesium Citrate. These are both available over the counter. Follow the instructions listed on the package. **(SEE ATTACHED MEDICATION LIST)**

- Your ***pain*** medication should be taken with food in your stomach, even if you don't have an appetite, have some crackers or yogurt with it
- Your ***anti-nausea*** medication is prescribed since narcotic pain meds can increase your chance of nausea/vomiting
- Your ***antibiotic*** is to prevent infection, take the medicine as prescribed beginning the day you get home from surgery until the entire bottle is empty
- **Take ALL your medications as prescribed, at least for the first 24-48 hours after surgery**
- No driving until completely off narcotic pain medication and muscle relaxer.
- If you are a smoker, remain smoke free for at least 6 weeks after surgery.
- DO NOT use ice or heat on areas where you had liposuction. The skin in this area may be numb therefore making it more susceptible to a burn.
- You will need to sleep elevated either in a recliner or in the bed with lots of pillows for the first week. Then you may sleep as you can tolerate after that point.

What to Expect

- Discomfort will be maximal in the first 3 days; it should improve each day thereafter.
- There will be postoperative pain, tightness, temporary bruising, discomfort, numbness, swelling, discoloration, and temporary oozing from incisions.
- Expect to have a large amount of blood-tinged drainage from these sites. If dressings are saturated in these areas, you will want to change with dry gauze as needed.
- You will be returning to see Dr. Robbins at his office in 1 week.
- Scars will be red for 2-3 months and then will fade and soften. We recommend that you do not get sun exposure on your scars if they are red or pink.
- Sutures will be removed at your 1 week visit with Dr. Robbins.

WHEN TO CALL OFFICE

- If you have severe or increased pain not relieved by medication.
- If you are having side-effects to medications, such as rash, nausea, headache, or vomiting.
- If you have a temperature > 101.5 degrees.
- If you have drainage from the incision that has a foul odor.
- If you have bleeding from the incisions that does not stop with pressure.
- Excessive warmth or redness that is spreading from the incision site.

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