



Dr. Heinrich - Post operative instructions for hamstring repair

DIET - Begin with clear liquids and light foods. Progress to your normal diet if you are not nauseated.

WOUND CARE - Maintain your operative dressing.

KEEP THE DRESSING CLEAN AND DRY. Sponge bathing may be the easiest means of cleaning oneself. You may remove the bandages TWO DAYS after surgery to take a shower. Do not submerge extremity under water. You will notice bruising. Please don't pick at your incisions or remove any sutures until you come back for your post operative visit.

MEDICATIONS -

Most patients will require some narcotic pain medication for a short period of time. This should be taken as directed on the bottle. Common side effects of the pain medication include, nausea, drowsiness, and constipation. To decrease the side effects, take medication with food. If constipation occurs, take an over the counter laxative. You are also given a medication for any nausea/vomiting called Zofran or Phenergen that you may take as needed. However, if this does not help and you continue to have problems with nausea and vomiting, please contact the office.

Do not drive a car or operate machinery while taking the narcotic pain medication.

Ibuprofen up to 800mg three times a day (every 8 hours) may be taken in between the narcotic pain medication to help smooth out the post operative peaks and valleys to reduce overall amount of pain medication required, and increase the time intervals between narcotic pain medication usages. You can take both the Ibuprofen and the narcotic if necessary but keep each individual medication on their own schedule. For example, if you take the narcotic (every 4-6hours) at 12pm you can take it again at 6pm. You may take Ibuprofen (every 8 hours) at 2pm and then take again at 10pm.

ACTIVITY -

NO driving until otherwise instructed by Dr. Heinrich. Driving is allowed when you are no longer taking narcotic pain medication. You may return to sedentary work only or school 3-4 days after surgery if pain is tolerable

EMERGENCIES - contact the office at 214-265-3260 or Dr. Heinrich directly at 214-326-9141 for:

- Painful swelling or numbness
- Unrelenting pain



- Fever (over 101.5) - it is normal to have a low grade fever for the first day or two following surgery or chills.
- Extreme redness around incisions
- Continuous drainage or bleeding from incision (a small amount of drainage is expected)
- Difficulty breathing
- Excessive nausea and vomiting
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APPOINTMENTS - You will have your first operative appointment made by the surgery scheduler. This appointment is typically 10-14 days after your surgery. If you did not get an appointment made at the time you were scheduled for surgery it is your responsibility to call the office after surgery to make one in the appropriate time frame.

We appreciate you trusting us with your care. We know that surgery is a big deal and we are here to help you make it through so you can get back to doing what you enjoy!!!