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BRACHIOPLASTY

Postoperative Instructions:

- Please call our office at (203) 772-1444 to schedule a postoperative visit if you have not already done so.
- Keep pressure dressings in place until you are seen in the office. Do not get dressings wet. Tub or sponge bathe only. You will be able to shower after dressings are removed.
- Please empty drains and record output every 8 hours or as needed. “Milk” or strip tubes and return to bulb suction. Please bring the record with you to the office.
- You have been prescribed the following medications:
 - _____ . Take _____ tablet(s) by mouth every _____ hours as needed for **pain**.
 - _____ . Take _____ tablet(s) by mouth _____ times a day until finished. This is your **antibiotic**.
- You may resume a regular diet as tolerated.
- Avoid Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Naprosyn, Aleve, Celebrex and Vitamin E for one week following surgery.
- No heavy lifting > 5 pounds, pulling, or pushing for one month. We encourage you to walk as early as the day of surgery. You may ride a stationary bike 2-3 weeks after surgery. No high impact aerobic exercise or upper body workout for 6 weeks.
- No driving for a *minimum* of one week.
- You will begin daily wound care after your first postoperative visit: Use Q-tips to *gently* apply hydrogen peroxide to suture line. Then apply bacitracin and gauze. Replace ace bandage. Do this until you start silicone sheeting.
- We recommend the use of silicone sheeting for scar therapy to begin 2 weeks after surgery. Epi-Derm Strips (3.5cm x 30cm) can be purchased online at www.biodermis.com.
- Other: _____

- Please call the office at (203) 772-1444 if there are any problems or questions following surgery.