



Restifo Plastic Surgery

PLASTIC & RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

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Expander Reconstruction Preoperative Instructions

Your day/time of surgery is _____. The location is _____.

- ◆ Please arrive to the facility at least one hour prior to your scheduled time.
- ◆ If you are a smoker, please stop for a minimum of 4 weeks prior to surgery. Smoking reduces circulation to the skin and will slow your healing.
- ◆ Avoid Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin, Naprosyn, Aleve, Celebrex, Excedrin, Fish Oil and Vitamin E containing products for 2 weeks prior to surgery. This also includes the use of multivitamins and herbal supplements. All of these medications have a tendency to prolong bleeding. Please review the attached sheet to confirm the use of any of these. ***Tylenol is preferred for pain relief.***
- ◆ Please purchase at the pharmacy a tube of antibiotic ointment (such as Bacitracin or Neosporin), gauze sponges, and surgical tape (preferably paper tape).
- ◆ You have received prescriptions for _____.
You should have these filled **prior** to your day of surgery. You will not need to take any of them until after surgery.

WARNING: Please be advised that tissue expanders contain a magnet. You may NOT undergo any type of MRI while tissue expanders are in place.

- ◆ ***You should have your labwork and all other preoperative testing at least two weeks prior to your surgery.***
- ◆ Shower with an antibacterial soap the day before or the morning of your surgery.
- ◆ Have NOTHING to eat or drink after midnight on the night before your surgery.
- ◆ On the day of surgery, wear a large, front closure shirt and loose fitting pants with an elastic waist.

Other: _____

**If you have any questions, please call us at (203) 772-1444.
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