

Outpatient Discharge Instructions for Cervical Fusions

Summit Orthopedic Surgery

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Activity

- No lifting more than 10 pounds or overhead activity
- Wear soft collar at all times, if able to tolerate
- No restrictions with sitting, standing walking or stairs

Incision Care

- The Aquacel dressing on your neck is waterproof. You shower with it in place. The dressing remains in place until your first follow up in the office.
- If you have a band-aid over the left hip/pelvis it may be removed in 2 days but keep the steri-strip on. The area may get wet once the band-aid is removed.

Discharge Medications

- Keflex 500mg, take one tablet by mouth every 6 hours for 24 hours (Antibiotic)
- Oxycodone 5mg, take 1-2 tablets by mouth every 4-6 hours, as need for pain. Side effects include dizziness, drowsiness, and constipation.
- Flexeril 10g, take 1 tablet every 8 hours, as needed for spasms. Side effects include drowsiness
- Do not restart aspirin, blood thinners, or anti-inflammatory medications (Aleve, ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin) until advised by Dr. Goldsmith.

Follow-up with Dr. Goldsmith in 10-14 days. Please call our office at (301)657-9876 option 3 to make an appointment.

Call our office immediately if you experience increased or new weakness in arms/legs, difficulty with balance, loss of bladder control, difficulty breathing, or a fever >101.