

Blepharoplasty

Post-Op Instructions

Congratulations! Your surgery is over and you are now home recovering. After surgery, it is important to follow these postoperative instructions. This will increase the likelihood of an uneventful recovery and of achieving the results you desire. If you have any questions regarding these instructions or your recovery, please call Dr. Hein at (508) 875-7777. We wish you all the best and are always happy to hear from you.

ACTIVITY

- The first week, you will need to take it easy. You may be tired. You will be most comfortable sleeping on your back. Try to keep your head elevated as much as possible for the first 48 hours. Some patients like to use a recliner.
- Avoid lifting more than 10 pounds for 4 weeks. Do not exercise for 4 weeks.
- You may not drive until you are off narcotic pain medication and able to see well.
- Do not smoke; do not be near secondhand smoke.

DRESSINGS

- You may shower/wash your face after 48 hours. The wound tapes may come off and do not need to be replaced.
- Use lightweight ice packs for 48 hours—e.g. frozen peas, ice wrapped in a washcloth, etc.
- Use saline eye drops as needed for eye dryness.
- Use antibiotic ointment (you will go home from the hospital with a tube) in the eyes at night.

DIET

- You won't have much of an appetite for a few days, but try to drink plenty of fluids.
- If you have nausea, stick to a bland diet and eat lightly until the nausea goes away.
- Try to avoid getting constipated—laxatives and stool softeners may be helpful. Tapering off the narcotic pain medication as soon as possible is also helpful.

MEDICATIONS

- Dr. Hein will prescribe a narcotic pain medication for you (usually oxycodone or hydromorphone). You should not drink alcohol or drive while on this medication. You should taper off of it as soon as possible.
- You may take Tylenol as well. Doing so will help you taper off the narcotic.
- If Dr. Hein prescribed an antibiotic (this is unusual), you should take it until it is completed.