



Plastic Surgery by Bram Kaufman, MD, FACS

Experience & Compassion

216-778-4450 Office

216-778-7800 After Hours

Post-operative Instructions for Breast Augmentation

DIET:

Most people can resume a normal diet the evening of surgery. If you feel queasy or nauseated, start with clear liquids or soup. Advance your diet as tolerated to a regular diet. You may experience some constipation as a result of the pain medication. I recommend a trial of over the counter laxatives such as Milk of Magnesia. If this is not sufficient, then a dulcolax tab or suppository may be necessary.

ACTIVITY:

I encourage you to be as active as possible in the first few post-operative days. Walking in the first few days is fine. Mild physical exercise can be resumed as soon as you are able, but I encourage you to refrain from high impact or heavy exercise until we discuss it at your first post op visit.

WOUND CARE:

Leave all dressings, the surgery bra, and the implant stabilization band (if present) in place for two days. After 2 days you may remove the gauze and bra for a brief period of time and for a shower. Following the shower put the surgery bra and the implant stabilization band back on as you found them after surgery.

Some patients may have a special foam tape beneath the breasts that needs to stay on, so in this case leave the tape and dressings in place and keep them dry.

Any residual surgical soap (yellow) or marker can be gently removed with rubbing alcohol.

Swelling, bruising, redness and of the skin is normal and will resolve over time.

BATHING:

Showers can be taken after two days. Remove the surgical bra and dressings for the shower and replace the bra and other dressings after drying.

PAIN CONTROL:

Take the narcotic pain medicine and muscle relaxant medication as instructed and needed. Do not drive until you are no longer taking the narcotics and muscle relaxants and are free of significant pain.

Starting in 10 days I encourage you to start massaging the breasts gently with moisturizing lotion to keep the implants mobile.

EMERGENCIES:

If there is a problem, please call me, my office or the resident on call. Most issues are easily addressed and do not require significant intervention.

The most common emergencies that might need attention are:

Nausea that lasts 4 hours or more and does not respond to medication

Bleeding that is persistent and uncontrolled

Sudden enlargement and/or **pain** of one side with bruising

High fever lasting more than a few hours and not responding to medication

Shortness of breath

Chest pain that is considerably worse on one side

Leg swelling

If you feel the situation is urgent, call 911 and/or proceed directly to the closest emergency room. Please call us as well.

FOLLOW-UP:

Follow-up is typically in 7-10 days and should be scheduled by calling Dr. Kaufman's office at 216-778-4450 if it has not already been arranged.

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