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Post-operative instructions after Brain surgery

The following is a list of instructions for your convalescence following your brain surgery. These represent general instructions to be used as guidelines. They may be modified by your physician.

- 1. Keep your incision dry until your staples are removed.
- 2. Call the office to schedule an appointment for staple removal to be done 7 to 10 days after your surgery.
- 3. If there is any redness or drainage from your incision, or if you have a fever, call our office immediately or go to the Emergency Room.
- 4. If you have a worsening of your headache, drowsiness, a new weakness on one side, or if your family notices a dramatic change in your behavior, call our office immediately or go to the nearest Emergency Room.
- 5. If you are taking medications to prevent seizures, be sure not to miss any doses and <u>do not</u> let your prescription run out.
- 6. If you are having a headache and need more pain medication, please be sure to call our office during business hours on Monday through Friday 8 am through 5pm. Prescription renewal by phone may require 48 hours.
- 7. Lie only on a bed. Head elevated on at least 2 pillows. No sofas or recliners. Sit only in a straight back chair (such as a dining room or kitchen chair.)
- 8. No bending, stooping, pushing, lifting or straining. Lift only with one arm at a time and <u>only</u> a weight that you can easily manage. Get up from a lying down position by turning first on one side or the other. <u>DO NOT PUSH BACKWARDS WITH YOUR HEAD & NECK</u> to adjust your position in bed. Turn on your side to do this.