

BUCCAL FAT REMOVAL PRE-OP AND POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

PRE-OPERATION CARE

 Stop taking any NSAIDs such as Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Celebrex, Aleve, Naproxen 2 weeks prior to surgery.

POST-OPERATION CARE

- Use medicated mouth rinse 3 times daily. Swish and spit one capful (15 mL) 3 times daily.
- It is OK to brush your teeth gently after surgery.
- It is normal to have some bruising and swelling after surgery. If it is severe or worsening please call the office.

ACTIVITIES

- No heavy lifting or strenuous exercise for 2 weeks after surgery.
- Do not lift more than 20 pounds for two weeks after surgery.

DIET

• You may eat and drink anything you like immediately after surgery. Refrain from alcohol for 7 days.

MEDICATION

- A prescription for a strong narcotic pain medication may be provided to you. Take this as needed. It can cause a little nausea, so it is best to take this with food.
- Once the pain has improved, it is OK to exchange the narcotic pain medicine for plain Tylenol as directed on the bottle but there is Tylenol in the narcotic so do not take them together. Do not exceed more than 4000 mg of Tylenol per day as this can damage the liver.
- Nausea medication will be prescribed. Take this as needed.
- If any refills are needed, please call the office before you run out, preferably on a weekday, so we can have time to prescribe a refill before you run out.

DRIVING

• You may drive if you are not taking the narcotic pain medication.

BATHING

• You may shower or bathe normally immediately after surgery.

RETURN TO WORK OR SCHOOL

- You may return to work the day after surgery but refrain from any straining or heavy lifting for 2 weeks after surgery.
- Do not operate heavy machinery while taking narcotic pain medication.

NOTIFY OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY

- If you have severe pain that is not controlled by the pain medication that was prescribed.
- If you have severe or worsening swelling and bruising.
- If you have severe bleeding.
- If you have fevers above 100.3 F or swelling and redness of the neck.
- If you have facial weakness or smile asymmetry after surgery.