

DR. ATKINSON'S POSTOPERATIVE HAND INSTRUCTIONS
Trigger Finger, Carpal Tunnel & DeQuervain's Surgery



BANDAGE CARE & BATHING: Elevate your hand above your heart for the next 24 – 48 hours, keep operative area clean & dry. You can shower but dressing must be water proofed. May remove dressing 5 days after surgery, at that time a shower/ gentle washing is okay, with soap and clean water & pat dry. You may cover incision with band aids.



DO NOT submerge hand in bath, pool or ocean until doctor advises it is OK. **DO NOT** apply any ointments or hydrogen peroxide on incision site.



SLING: If you have a sling, it is to protect your hand from being injured due to the numbing medication. You may remove the sling after the numbing medication has worn off.

ICE: May use an ice pack to help reduce pain & swelling: 20 minutes every 4 hours over palm for first 24 hours.



DIET: No restrictions: Start with clear liquids, plain foods and work your way up to regular diet as tolerated. Avoid greasy, heavy & spicy foods, they can make you nauseous.



DRIVING: **DO NOT** drive until **OFF** of prescription pain medicine & can safely use your affected side.



ACTIVITY: Rest today, it is not unusual to feel sleepy or tired for a day or so after your procedure. No strenuous activity.



PAIN MANAGEMENT: Your surgery site was injected with a mixture of long-acting pain medication; this can last for 6 – 8 hours; sometimes up to 24 hours. Start taking your prescription pain medication such as soon as you start to feel increasing pain. We recommend you take a dose before going to sleep the first night, so you do not wake up in the middle of the night with pain. If the prescription does not control your pain, you may take non-prescription pain medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), naproxen (Aleve), ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) IN ADDITION to the prescribed pain medicine; follow labeled dosing. **DO NOT** drink alcohol, drive or operate machinery while taking prescribed pain meds.



NAUSEA: Anesthesia and pain medication can cause nausea. You may be given promethazine (Phenergan) or ondansetron (Zofran) for nausea. Take these along with your prescription pain medicine to prevent nausea. **CONSTIPATION:** Prescription pain medication can cause constipation. Drink plenty of fluids. You may take over the counter stool softeners such as docusate (Dulcolax) or Senna. Prunes, prune juice or any foods can help move bowels. Take these along with your prescription pain medicine as needed.

ITCHING OR RASH: If you get MILD itching or rash, take non-prescription allergy medicine such as Benadryl, Claritin, or Allerest. If you get a SEVERE reaction or have any difficulty breathing, call 911 or immediately go to the nearest emergency facility.



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Knee Arthroscopy Surgery



BANDAGE CARE & BATHING: You may take OFF the bandage 24 hours after the surgery. You may shower, washing the incision lightly with soap & water. Do NOT submerge the incision under water in a bath tub/pool/ ocean until Dr. Atkinson advises it is OK. After shower, cover the incision with simple band aids or light gauze & elastic wrap. If you have steri-strips leave on until they fall off.



CRUTCHES:

If given crutches, weight bear as tolerated.



ICE: Ice can help reduce pain and



inflammation. Put a light towel over the incision and apply ice packs every 15-20 minutes, every 2 hours while awake.

DIET:

No restrictions: Start with clear liquids, plain foods and work your way up to regular diet as tolerated. Avoid greasy, heavy & spicy foods, they can make you nauseous.



DRIVING:

DO NOT drive until OFF of prescription pain medicine & can safely move your feet and push the pedals.



ACTIVITY:

Rest today, it is not unusual to feel sleepy or tired for a day or so after your procedure. No strenuous activity. While resting keep your knee elevated above your heart to reduce swelling



PAIN MANAGEMENT: At the end of your surgery, your knee was injected with a mixture of long-acting pain medication. This will wear off in 6 – 8 hours; however it may last up to 24 hours. Start taking your prescribed pain medication such as oxycodone HCl/acetaminophen (Xartemis XR), hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Vicodin), codeine/acetaminophen (Tylenol with Codeine #3), or oxycodone/acetaminophen (Percocet) as soon as you start to feel increasing pain. We recommend you take a dose prior to going to sleep the first night so you do not wake up in the middle of the night with pain. Follow the labeled instruction on your prescription. If the prescribed pain medicine does not control your discomfort, you may take non-prescription pain medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), naproxen (Aleve), ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) in addition to the prescribed pain medicine. Do NOT drink alcohol, drive or operate machinery while taking prescribed pain meds.



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Shoulder Manipulation



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SLING: The sling is provided to protect your arm and hand from being injured. You may remove the sling after the numbing medication has worn off unless otherwise instructed by Dr. Atkinson or his assistants.



ICE: Using ice can help pain but also makes joints feel stiff. If you choose to use ice for pain, use immediately AFTER stretching and NOT before stretching. Apply a sealed ice bag over a light towel for 20 minutes and repeat every 2 hour as needed while awake.



DIET: No restrictions: Start with clear liquids, plain foods and work your way up to regular diet as tolerated. Avoid greasy, heavy & spicy foods, they can make you nauseous.



DRIVING: **DO NOT** drive until OFF of prescription pain medicine



ACTIVITY: After the block wears off, you may apply a **WARM HEAT** pack to your joint for 5 minutes then **STRETCH** your joint slow and firm in each direction as far as it can go with moderate pain and hold for 5 seconds and repeat 5 times every hour while awake. No strenuous activity.



PAIN MANAGEMENT: You may have been administered a nerve block to reduce post-op pain. This usually produces numbness down the extremity which keeps post-operative pain to a minimum. This block usually last 10 to 12 hours but may last 24 hours or longer. The longer the numbness lasts, the better, so this is not a cause of concern. Start taking your prescribed pain medication such as oxycodone HCl/acetaminophen (Xartemis XR), hydrocodone/acetaminophen (Vicodin), codeine/acetaminophen (Tylenol with Codeine #3), or oxycodone/acetaminophen (Percocet) as soon as you start to feel increasing pain. We recommend you take a dose prior to going to sleep the first night so you do not wake up in the middle of the night with pain. Follow the labeled instructions on your prescription. If the prescription does not control your discomfort, you may take non-prescription pain medicine such as acetaminophen (Tylenol), naproxen (Aleve), ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) in addition to the prescribed pain medicine. Do NOT drink alcohol, drive or operate machinery while taking prescribed pain meds.



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If a **SLINGSHOT BRACE** (large brace with pillow attached) has been placed on your shoulder, **AFTER your follow up** you may remove it to shower or bathe but replace it immediately after. When out of the brace, your arm may hang at your side and you may bend at the elbow. **DO NOT** lift the arm away from your torso.

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