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POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS - HIP ARTHROSCOPY WITH LABRAL REPAIR AND PERIACETABULAR OSTEOTOMY

MOVEMENT

You are toe touch weight bearing (no more than 20 lbs.), it is required that you use crutches for 6 weeks postoperatively to protect your hip. Do not hyperextend or hyperflex your hip. You have been provided a hinged hip brace – this is to be used to protect your hip while ambulating; it is set to 0 – 90 degrees.

The day after surgery, we encourage you to provide motion to the hip. A CPM machine will be provided for you – you should use this machine three times a day for 30 minutes. Keep hip flexion less than 30 degrees until your first post op visit.

SLEEP

Foam boots have been provided for you to use while sleeping. Please wear it at night while you sleep for the first week after your surgery. This will keep your feet straight and not allow your legs to turn out.

ICE

An ice machine will be provided to you for after surgery. This will help decrease swelling and pain. Use the ice machine as much as possible when you get home at intervals of 30 minutes on and off. You should keep the ice machine for approximately two weeks. Do not use the ice machine while you are sleeping.

MEDICATIONS

An injection of local anesthesia was injected into your hip after the completion of the operation. This medication will wear off in 48-72 hours.

You have also been given an anti-inflammatory called Naprosyn. You should begin taking this medication when you get home. You are to take 500mg (1 tab) twice a day. This medication serves two purposes: it will reduce the amount of narcotic medication needed postoperatively and it will prevent bone from re-growing (heterotopic ossification) around the hip. You are to take this medication for the first 21 days post op.

Please take 325mg of Aspirin daily for the first two weeks after surgery, this reduces the risk of sustaining a DVT (blood clot).

You have been prescribed a **pain medication** (Percocet, Norco). The pain medication can be taken 1-2 pills every 4-6 hours. Pain medication can cause constipation, you may take miralax once a day over the counter. You may also take Colace 100mg 1-2x/day.

A **sleeping medication** (e.g. Ambien or Benadryl) is also provided to help you sleep at night. Take one tablet 15-30 minutes before you plan to sleep.

DRESSING/BANDAGES

Your hip dressing is waterproof. You may shower the next day after surgery. Do not take a bath or submerge your hip in water until your incisions are checked at your first post-op visit.

DRIVING

You may drive 10 days after surgery if you are not taking pain medication. If your right leg is the operative side, then you must have good control of your leg prior to driving.

APPOINTMENT

It is likely that our practice coordinator has already scheduled a post-operative visit for you. This should occur 10-12 days after surgery. At that visit your sutures will be removed, and you will be given a prescription for physical therapy.

If you develop a fever (101.5), redness or drainage from the surgical incision site, please call our office to arrange for an evaluation.

You may experience some low back pain due to muscle spasm from the traction during positioning. If so, apply a heating pad to the area.

If you have any difficulty using anti-inflammatory medications or aspirin or have a history of peptic ulcer disease, please let us know.

If you need anything, the easiest way to us is to call 818-703-3333 or utilize the “Contact Us” tab on laorthos.com.