PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES

Post-Operative Instructions

Vasectomy

PAIN:

You may experience some discomfort after surgery. Take your pain medication as prescribed by your Physician. Tylenol™ Extra Strength can be taken if needed.

OPERATIVE SITE:

A gauze dressing should be used over your incisions to prevent irritation from underwear. Your Surgeon will advise you if you should apply polysporin™ ointment to the incisions. You may wear a scrotal support or supportive underwear. Apply ice to the scrotum for 20 minutes every 2 – 3 hours while awake for at least 3-4 days to minimize swelling and pain.

ACTIVITY:

Frequent rest periods to prevent bleeding and swelling. You may shower the day after your surgery. Re-apply any dressings afterwards. You may return to work when your Physician advises. No physical exertion for two weeks. Avoid heaving lifting of anything more than 10 pounds (4.5 kg). No sexual intercourse for 3 weeks.

Ask your Surgeon when you can resume any exercise program that you may be following. No hot tubs, saunas or swimming until advised by your Surgeon.

DIET:

Resume your regular diet the day following surgery. Increase the amount of fibre in your diet and drink plenty of fluids to avoid constipation. Good sources of fiber are fruits, vegetables and whole grain breads and cereals (All Bran™, Bran Flakes, Shreddies™ and Shredded Wheat).

FOLLOW-UP:

Your Surgeon will advise you of your follow-up appointment the day of your surgery. If you are a Day Surgery patient, a Nurse from the Day Surgery Unit will call you the day after your surgery to discuss any concerns.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Continue using your method of contraception for 3 months or until a sperm count is done and your Doctor confirms that you are sterile.**

Resume other prescribed medications you were taking prior to surgery, unless you have been told otherwise.

**Do not take any medication containing blood thinners or Aspirin™ until advised by your Surgeon.**

Patient safety is very important to Queensway Carleton Hospital and this information is provided to patients and their families to help inform you of your essential role in your own safety.

The information contained on this sheet is not specific medical advice, nor a substitute for medical advice. For your safety, it is advised that you speak with your Doctor and Healthcare Team about your particular healthcare needs.

Protect yourself! Clean your hands frequently and ask your healthcare providers and visitors to do the same. Clean hands save lives.