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## **Reverse Total Shoulder Replacement Home Care Instructions**

## Bandages:

Leave clear dressing on until your post-operative appointment. May begin showering immediately, clear dressing is waterproof.

## **Activity:**

**Sling:** You will have a sling to wear for comfort. You can come out of the sling as tolerated to work on range of motion. No need to wear the sling when sleeping.

**Exercises:** You may begin full range of motion immediately after surgery as tolerated.

#### Ice:

Ice will help relieve the swelling and pain. Use the ice bag on your shoulder for 48 hours, 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off.

#### Medication:

A prescription for a pain killer will be provided and is usually needed for the first few days after surgery. It may cause nausea and constipation. Please take the medication with food and drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. If you experience severe nausea with the medication, please contact my office. Do not drive as long as you are taking pain medication.

## **Follow-up Appointment:**

Please keep your scheduled appointment or call us of it is inconvenient so that we can reschedule you.

## Things to watch out for and call the office about are:

**Bleeding**: if the bandage becomes soaked or the bloody area is larger than the size of a hand, call the office.

Fever: above 101

Pain: unrelieved by the pain medicine

Difficulty breathing

If you have any problems or questions after your surgery call

- Dr. Wohlrab's Triage Line at 910-621-3791.
- After office hours at 910-715-1000 and ask for the Pinehurst Surgical Orthopedic Doctor on call.
- Our Afterhours Clinic is also available to walk in Monday-Friday 5PM-7PM, Saturday 9AM-11AM and Sunday 1PM-3PM.