

**Surgery Center of Pinehurst
Home Instructions after Hernia Repair**

Activity: You may resume your normal activities as soon as you are able. Please do not lift anything heavier than 20 pounds until you are seen at your follow-up appointment.

Medications: Follow instructions carefully. Pain medications should be taken with food to minimize side effects such as nausea and vomiting. Pain medication may also dehydrate/constipate, so drink plenty of fluids. Milk of Magnesia is fine to take if you become constipated. Please do not drive a car or operate machinery as long as you are taking narcotics.

Upon discharge, a medication reconciliation sheet of all your current medications will be given to you and reviewed with you by the Surgery Center of Pinehurst.

Diet: You may resume your normal diet with no restrictions. Remember to drink plenty of fluids to avoid constipation while on narcotics

Care of Dressing: If your incision is covered with a clear covering called Derma Bond, it will require no care. You may shower in the am.

Ice: For inguinal Hernia repairs you will need to apply ice to the incision site for 20 minute intervals several times a day.

Swelling/bruising: Swelling and some bruising are not uncommon. This will go away in the first week. If you have a scrotal support on following surgery continue to wear this during the day to help decrease swelling.

Appointment: Please keep your scheduled appointment. If your scheduled appointment is inconvenient for you, please call my office and we will reschedule you for a more convenient time.

Please call my office at 910-235-2716 if you have any questions or problems.

Dr. Knapp