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Thigh Lift Pre and Post-Operative Instructions

General Information

- If you are a smoker (cigarettes or vaping) or use nicotine supplements, gum, or patches, it is very important that you stop at least 4 weeks prior to surgery. Smoking or using nicotine products can prevent blood flow that is vital for recovery after any surgery.
- It is best to stop any vitamin/medication such as Aspirin, NSAIDS (ibuprofen), Fish Oil, Vitamin E, ADD/ADHD medications and any diet pills/supplements- 1 week prior to surgery and 2 weeks after surgery. These will thin your blood. **Tylenol is ok to take if needed.**
- GLP1 drugs such as Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro or Zepbound should also be stopped at least one week prior to surgery and may be resumed one week after.
- Make sure you have your prescriptions filled and waiting for you at home prior to surgery.
- It is important to have someone with you at home for the first 24-48hrs after surgery. You may feel groggy from the anesthesia and the pain medications.
- Do not eat or drink after midnight the day before surgery
- Wear something comfortable-a shirt that either buttons or zips in the front and pants that are easy to put on.
- Do not take pain medications on an empty stomach. Eat a light snack 30 minutes prior to taking pain medications. If you find you are nauseous after taking the pain medication, take your nausea medication 30 mins prior to your next pill and this should help.
- Try to stay on top of your pain at first after surgery. Taking your medication as prescribed at first will make for an easier first week after surgery.
- Do not drive or operate heavy machinery while taking pain medication. If you are still taking narcotics by the time of your first post-op appointment, then have someone drive you.
- Constipation is common after surgery from the pain medication and the anesthesia. It is safe to take Mira Lax or Colace after surgery to help prevent this. If you have no improvement after 7 days, please notify the office.
- Stay hydrated and move around as tolerated after surgery. Light walking is ok. Be careful when you change positions from sitting to standing as this may cause lightheadedness. Staying hydrated and moving as tolerated helps prevent blood clots.
- Take frequent deep breaths, pump your feet and ankles intermittently, as tolerated, while sitting/laying to help prevent blood clots.

- No strenuous activities, heavy lifting, straining or activities that would elevate your heart rate after surgery until cleared to do so by Dr. Behmand

What to Expect-Thigh Lift

After surgery you will be in a compression garment on your thighs. The compression garment will be worn around the clock for 3 weeks (except for showers) and then only during the day for an additional 3 weeks. On post op day 5, remove the girdle; put it in the washer and dryer. If you have Topifoam as part of your dressing, VERY gently, remove the foam in the shower-it can pull your skin! Topifoam is a soft, foam like sheeting that may be used as part of your dressing. You should be sitting while you remove the foam; you may become light headed. Put your garment back on after the shower.

- Sleep with legs elevated on pillows for several days. You will typically ooze bloody fluid from groin for 24-48 hours due to the liposuction.
- Do not push, pull, squat, climb, massage the surgical site, or do any strenuous activity, as this can elevate your blood pressure which may increase bleeding/bruising. In addition, these activities can lead to wound separation and prolong your recovery time. Dr. Behmand will let you know when it's safe to resume normal activity. Be mindful of how you reach with your arms and move after surgery.
- Flex and extend your ankles 20 times every hour that you are awake. Foot swelling is common and improves with elevation and pumping your ankles.
- Pain, bruising and swelling- these typically peak around the 3rd day after surgery and go down from there.
- You may feel very sore, and get fatigued easily after surgery.
- You will have drains after surgery. The hospital will teach you how to care for and empty these. It can get messy with drainage- put something over your bed to protect it. The hospital will give you a log sheet to keep track of how much drainage you are having. It is important to bring these logs with you when you come in for your post-op appointment. Drainage will get messy, but drainage is a good thing.
- To remove the drains, we are looking for your levels to get below 25cc in a 24hr period. Drain the fluid 3 times a day.
- You will return to the office for your first post-op appointment typically 2-4 days after surgery. We will inspect the surgical site and review your drain logs.
- **When to call our office:**
 - If you develop severe shortness of breath, chest pain or are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 and then notify your physician
 - If you develop a fever of 101.4 or higher
 - If your pain medication stops working
 - If you have markedly increased pain, bruising, swelling or bloody drainage
 - If you develop leg swelling or pain
 - If you have persistent nausea or vomiting
 - If you are uncertain about a medication or treatment

- If you are experiencing any adverse symptoms or changes that you do not understand
- If you have ANY questions or concerns

Dr. Behmand's Office Phone Number: 615-576-3232

If it is after office hours when you call, push one when prompted and you will be transferred to the answering service who will notify the person on call to call you back. Please do not email with medical questions, medical concerns or during a medical emergency as our email is not monitored after business hours or when we are seeing patients.

Signature and Date_____