



Submental Liposuction Surgery Instructions

YOU WILL NEED TO PURCHASE: Q-TIPS, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT (BACITRACIN/POLYSPORIN), FROZEN PEAS, PRESCRIPTIONS.

Evening Before Surgery

- 1. NOTHING TO EAT, DRINK (including water), OR SMOKE AT LEAST EIGHT (8) HOURS PRIOR TO SURGERY.
- 2. Take medications as prescribed/directed if applicable.

Morning of Surgery

1. Wash your face thoroughly before procedure. **DO NOT apply makeup**.

After Surgery

- 1. Remain quiet. Keep head elevated on two (2) pillows for the next three (3) days to minimize swelling.
- 2. Apply ice packs or frozen peas in a plastic bag with a thin washcloth between the plastic and your skin.
- 3. It is normal to be drowsy, but try to eat a light, soft meal the evening following the procedure.
- 4. Leave bandages in place until your return visit to our office unless otherwise instructed.
- 5. Take pain medication every four to six (4-6) hours as directed, if needed. If you have no pain, do not take the prescription pain medication. If you have minimal pain, you may take Extra Strength Tylenol.
- 6. Using a Q-Tip, clean incision site with hydrogen peroxide, followed by antibiotic ointment three (3) times daily. Sutures will be removed in-office three to five (3-5) days post-operatively.
- 7. You can expect swelling, bruising, and tightness of the bandage, however, if there is excessive bruising and pain (especially on one side), call the office immediately.
- 8. You may shave facial hair the day following your procedure but **avoid skin around your incision**.

Other Information

- 1. Your neck may be swollen and discolored for two to three (2-3) weeks following your surgery. Do not let this alarm you as this condition will improve with time.
- 2. Avoid sudden movement of your head to either side.
- 3. Try to sleep on your back for one to two (1-2) weeks after surgery with your head elevated on two (2) pillows.
- 4. Eat a relatively soft diet for the first three (3) days following your surgery.
- 5. Resume routine activity in ten to fourteen (10-14) days following your surgery.

Please don't hesitate to call the office, day or night (there is an on-call physician outside of our office hours) at 480-214-9955 for any <u>active</u> bleeding, persistent vomiting, or a persisting fever that does not come down with the proper use of post-operative prescription medications or Tylenol.