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## **POST OPERATIVE CARE**

### **Parotidectomy**

#### **Post op care :**

- May remove dressing day after surgery
- Maintain drain and record amounts (see attached drain care instruction sheet)
- Keep wound clean and dry and apply new dressing if needed
- If there are steri-strips on the wound, do not remove. It is OK to get these wet
- Elevate head with an extra pillow when sleeping.
- Take pain medication as needed
- Take antibiotic as directed
- May shower day after surgery

#### **What to expect:**

- Swelling and bruising can occur up to 48 to 72 hours post-op. Swelling and bruising may occur in areas adjacent to area of excision
- Moderate discomfort – take pain medication as directed
- Constipation may occur if taking a narcotic for discomfort – increase fluid intake and use mild laxative or stool softener if needed
- Numbness, tingling, and sensitivity to physical contact may persist for several weeks or longer

#### **Follow-up:**

- Follow up appointment as directed
- No heavy lifting, housework, or exercise until advised by Dr. Lohner to resume.
- Avoid sun exposure to this area for several months. Use sun block, brimmed hat, etc.
- Refrain from smoking for at least 10 days. Smoking slows healing and affects blood flow to wound.

**DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS**

**Pain medication:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Antibiotic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Follow-up:** \_\_\_\_\_