

Post Operative Wound Care Instructions For Patients of Dr. R. Litchfield

ACL RECONSTRUCTION

Incision Care

- Change your dressing every 2-3days. Take tubigrip off and keep. Remove old gauze and soft padding and place new 4x4 dry gauze over steri strips. Place tubigrip on knee for first 2 weeks at a single layer. Do not clean your incision or apply antibiotic cream
- Keep incision(s) dry and protect while showering for 10 days. After 10 days remove dressing and shower. Steri Strips over incision(s) will loosen and peel off with repeat showering.
- Return to clinic in 6 weeks for a follow-up visit
- IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS PHONE (519) 661-4156

Weight -Bearing and Range of Motion

- Weight bearing as tolerated
- Range of motion as tolerated

Sutures

- At 2 weeks, strings at both ends of incisions may be trimmed at the skin. Use small scissors.

KNEE ARTHROSCOPY

Incision Care

- 48 hours post-operatively, remove initial dressing
- Cover scope sites with band-aids. Change daily as needed
- Sites may be left uncovered once they have scabbed over
- Shower 48 hours post-operatively, but protect scope sites with saran or waterproof band-aids if they have not scabbed over
- Bathe or swim 2 weeks post-operatively if scope sites are healed

Follow-up Visits

- Return to clinic 2 - 3 weeks post-operatively

HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

Incision Care

- Post-Operative Day 3, 7 and 10, change dressing. Take tubigrip off – do NOT throw out. Take all padding/gauze off until steri strips (tapes) visible. Do not clean incision. Leave steri strips in place cover in dry gauze – purchase at pharmacy) place tubigrip back on knee at single layer
- Keep incisions(s) dry for 2 weeks. Protect with saran wrap and tape while showering. Do not soak.
- Do not use lotions, creams or powders on incision(s)

Weight -Bearing and Range of Motion

- Feather weight bearing for 2 weeks
- Range of motion as tolerated
- TRACKER brace unlocked

Removal of Sutures and Follow-up Visits

- Return to clinic 2 - 3 weeks post-operatively for suture removal and wound check

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SHOULDER SURGERY

Incision Care

- Post-Operative Day 3, replace initial dressing with dry dressing (gauze purchased at pharmacy)
- Cover scope sites with band-aids. Change daily as needed. May remain uncovered when healed,
- Do not use lotions, creams or powders on incision(s)
- May shower 3 days after surgery. Keep scope and incisions sites dry for 2 weeks. Protect with saran wrap and tape while showering.

Range of Motion

- SHOULDER ARTHROSCOPY – as instructed
- ROTATOR CUFF REPAIRS/STABILIZATION – NO range of motion for 2 weeks. Elbow, wrist and hand exercises only
- TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY - as instructed

Removal of Sutures and Follow-up Visits

- Return to clinic 2 - 3 weeks post-operatively for suture removal and wound check