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Facial Plastics and Reconstruction

Endoscopic Brow Lift Post Operative Instructions

- Take the antibiotic, pain, and anti-nausea medication the day after your surgery as prescribed by Dr. Smith. You can start using your pain medication the night of surgery if you are in pain.
- Clean sutures with sterile saline or wound cleanser 2 times daily followed by the antibiotic ointment (Bactroban/muporicin) 2 times daily.
- It is important to keep sutures clean and free of dried blood/crusting as this will prevent healing and lead to an undesirable scar.
- Do not get surgical area/ sutures wet with water until all sutures have been removed. It is okay to bathe from neck down. Do not wash your hair until instructed to do so at your post operative visit.
- Some bleeding/oozing is expected from the surgical site especially in the first few days following surgery
- Sutures/staples will be removed in the office in 10-14 days.
- Keep head elevated for 3 days after surgery to help decrease the swelling.
- You can expect some numbness/tingling in the surgical area for several weeks after surgery.
- No bending, or lifting greater than 15 pounds x 3 weeks. It is okay to walk, but avoid vigorous exercise until directed by Dr. Smith.
- You may notice bruising under eyes especially if you are on blood thinners or ibuprofen. This is normal and should resolve within a couple of weeks. You also may notice swelling in this area. The swelling should have its peak in 3 days and then gradually begin to decrease.
- Do not wear any make-up until after your post-operative appointment and are instructed to do so.
- Do not smoke. If you currently use tobacco products, you should not use these products for at least 6 weeks after surgery. Tobacco products delay healing time and can significantly compromise your surgical outcome.
- For the first 2-3 days after surgery, your brows may appear excessively elevated. This will settle out to a normal position in time. Your final brow position will be appreciated in approximately 6 months.
- You may notice your eyes becoming drier and you may have increased tearing/watering. Try over the counter Systane gel drops or regular artificial tears to help soothe your eyes while you heal.

Call the Office if you notice any of the following:

- A temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- An unusual amount of bleeding that does not stop after applying firm pressure for 15 minutes.
- An increase in pain that is not relieved by taking your pain medication.
- Excessive nausea and vomiting that is not relieved by your anti-nausea medication
- If any of the above occur after our regular office hours, please call the office number and you will be directed to our answering service where an on call provider can assist you.

You will be given your follow up visit via our Klara patient communication app. Please contact via Klara with any questions or concerns.

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