

## Patient Instructions for Breast Lift

## Day One Post-Operative:

- 1. REST AND RELAX! Considerable discomfort is to be expected. Prop your back up with pillows when lying down.
- 2. After surgery, you will be placed in a support bra. Wear this until your next appointment.
- 3. Take your prescribed medications as directed to remain comfortable.
- 4. Avoid taking Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Aleve, fish oils, vitamin e, Herbal supplements, etc. as these are blood thinning and may increase bruising for a minimum of 2 weeks after procedure.
- 5. Drink plenty of fluid. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- 6. Avoid bending over, lifting or straining. Stay in bed and relax.
- 7. Swelling and discoloration of the breasts is normal and usually disappears within two weeks.

## Day Two Post-Operative:

- 1. Your surgical bra should be worn at all times the first week.
- 2. Avoid submerging your body in any water until you receive clearance from Dr. Perry (usually 6 weeks).

## **Day Three Post-Operative:**

- 1. Take sponge baths the first two days, keeping initial dressing dry and undisturbed. After the week 1 visit, you make remove the dressing down to the Steri-strips and shower. Keep breast dry.
- 2. Your breasts are expected to be swollen and sore for a few weeks following surgery.
- 3. Driving or operating machinery must be avoided for at least the first week and while taking any narcotic pain medication.

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