

**POST OPERATIVE  
ABDOMINAL SURGERY**

**MEDICATIONS:**

- Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_: Take \_\_\_\_\_ every \_\_\_\_\_ hours if needed for pain. Substitute Tylenol for mild pain. Do not drive or drink while using this medication. Avoid Aspirin and Ibuprofen products until 3 days after surgery.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Take one \_\_\_\_\_ times daily for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Make an appointment to see Dr. Hoffman on \_\_\_\_\_
- Sleep with 2 pillows under your head and one under your knees. Get plenty of rest the first 2 days.
- You may shower the day after your surgery. Remove all dressings and wash the wounds daily with soap and water.
- You may shower with your drains. Please take tension off of your drains by placing them on a soap dish in the shower or on a string around your neck.
- Keep the wound and dressing area clean and dry. If your incision is exposed place Vaseline to any open incisions.
- If you have steri-strips, you may trim them if they start to lift off of your skin.
- If you have been advised to wear a compression garment it must be worn at all times, even at night. (Binder, panty girdle, Lycra shorts)
- Avoid housework and driving for a week. Do not stretch at waist. No exercise, lifting or straining until approved by Dr. Hoffman.
- Measure and record your drains twice a day. Bring those numbers with you to your office appointment. If over 100 ccs of drainage comes out of your drains at one time- please call the office.
- Call if you experience unusual pain, redness, swelling, bruising, bleeding or sustained fever.

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Physician Signature

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Date

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Patient/Family Member Signature

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Date