The Surgery Group

Gallbladder Surgery

Surgical sites:

It's ok to remove the bandages on the day after surgery. It's fine to shower and wash the sites gently. Incisions closed with surgical adhesive can be washed as well. Please leave steri-strips in place if present - it's fine to remove them if your skin becomes irritated or reddened. Please keep the surgical sites clean and dry otherwise. Don't use any peroxide or topical creams. Don't swim or soak the sites. We'll talk about other treatments for the incisions at your post-op visit.

Post-Operative Diet:

Light meals only for the rest of the day after surgery. You may resume your regular diet the next day.

Activity:

No lifting or straining, or vigorous exercise. Walking and light activities are fine.

Medications:

Please resume your regular home medications unless instructed otherwise. I'll give you specific instructions about medicines such as Plavix, aspirin, Pradaxa, Coumadin, and Lovenox. Usually I'll provide you with a pain medication prescription on the day of surgery.

Follow Up:

You should receive an office appointment before you leave, or please call the office the next day to arrange a visit.

<u>Please call:</u> For any excess pain, swelling, fever, persistent nausea. or any other problem.

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