

# **Breast Augmentation with Fat Grafting – Post-Operative Instructions**

#### **Rest + Relaxation**

- Preferably sleep on your back. It is okay to lie on your side. Do not lie on your chest.
- Wait 2 weeks before participating in physical activities that will increase your heart rate and blood pressure or cause your breasts to move significantly.

### **Washing**

- Remove larger dressings 24 hours after surgery. Leave your steri-strips (white tape) in place for approximately 7-10 days. If they come off sooner that is okay.
- You can shower 48 hours after surgery unless you have drains in place. Wash gently with soap and water.
- Do not soak your surgical sites no pools, hot tubs, lake or well water for 3-4 weeks.
- Dry surgical site by gently patting with a clean towel or allow to air dry.
- Bleeding (minimal) from your surgical site may occur following surgery. If it occurs hold constant firm pressure for 10-15 minutes with a clean towel. If bleeding persists or one side is becoming much larger than the other, see our emergency care instructions below.

# Medication

- · Anti-Pain medication can be taken after surgery.
- Resume regular medications unless otherwise stated.
- Take antibiotics as prescribed at the appropriate times until completed.
- Apply Polysporin (original ointment) to your incision line after the steri-strips are removed. Do this for 1-2 weeks.

#### **Garment Wear**

• Wear a non-underwired bra unless otherwise directed for 4-6 weeks. Your bra should be supportive but not too tight. Loosen/adjust your surgical garments periodically to avoid pressure points!

### **Three Weeks After Surgery**

- Begin to massage your incisions with scar lotion from Dr. McInnes. Do not use 100% vitamin E (capsule or oil).
- If your incisions are going to be exposed to the sun, apply SPF 45 or higher for at least one year to prevent tanning.

# **Special Instructions**

- Massage the areas of liposuction aggressively to get rid of harder areas where fluid may have collected.
- Take time to rest and recover from your surgery, have a healthy diet and get some sleep.
- It is important that you follow these recommendations very carefully so we can attain your breast augmentation goals.

#### **Drain Care**

- If drains have been placed, please follow the verbal instructions given to have them removed 24-48 hrs following surgery
- When drains are removed a small amount of yellow/pink/ blood tinged fluid may ooze out of drain site for up to 3 days.
- Place a small amount of Polysporin onto the drain site daily and cover with gauze or a Band-Aid.
- Drain sites will close in 3 to 7 days.
- Okay to shower chest 24 hours after drains removed.

### **Follow Up Care**

• Dr. McInnes will let you know which location to visit him for your in-office follow up appointments. Please call the office to confirm the time (604-515-8847). Dr. McInnes may call you the evening of surgery to see how you're doing, please try to answer your phone (even if it's from "unknown caller").

#### **After Surgery Care**

 For general inquiries/questions email office@doctorm.ca or call the office.

### Weekday Care (8 am to 5 pm)

• If there is a concern about your surgery or your healing please call the office.

# Weekend and After Hour Care

• If on weekends, after hours, or an emergency, please call 604-527-4925 and ask to speak with Dr. McInnes. If he happens to be unavailable ask for the plastic surgeon on call.

#### Contact

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