

UROLIFT DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Blood in the urine, mild burning on urination, increased urgency and frequency to urinate are normal symptoms after surgery. These symptoms gradually improve within 72 hours.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

- Anesthesia takes **24 hours** to wear off. No driving/operating heavy machinery during this time.
- Please REST and take it easy after surgery. Anesthesia can make you feel light headed and dizzy.
- It is ok to shower the day after surgery.
- Increase your daily activity and exercise gradually as tolerated.
- Avoid strenuous activity or heavy lifting (greater than 10-15 pounds) until blood in urine clears.
- No sexual activity for at least 1 week and pain free. Please consult your doctor on timing.

DIET INSTRUCTIONS

- Eat a light meal after surgery as anesthesia can make you nauseous. Nothing greasy or spicy.
- Resume your normal diet as tolerated.
- Increase your fluid intake and hydration (preferably water) over the next week. This will help clear up your urine quicker and prevent blood clots.

MEDICATIONS

- Take Tylenol (500 mg every 6 hours) with Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, etc.) 600 mg every 6 hours. It is safe to take these together or alternate every 3 hours.
- If you were prescribed a narcotic medication for more severe pain, please take only as needed and do not drive while taking as it can cause confusion, drowsiness and constipation. Over the counter stool softeners are available if you were not prescribed one.

FOLEY CATHETER

- You may have a foley catheter placed at the end of the surgery. This will limit bleeding and avoid any urinary issues in the immediate recovery period.
- A nurse will show you how to take care of the catheter at home. Your doctor will determine how long the catheter will be in place and when it will be removed.

CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR'S OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU EXPERIENCE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Fever greater than 100.6, severe chills, continued nausea or vomiting
2. Severe pain that doesn't go away with pain medication
3. Increasing amount of blood in your urine or very large blood clots
4. Inability to urinate

FOLLOW UP

- Call your doctor's office to schedule a follow-up appointment (if not already scheduled).

Please go to your nearest Hospital Emergency Department if you experience chest pain, difficulty breathing, or other emergency signs or symptoms.



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***If you have any questions or concerns regarding your surgery (even after business hours or over the weekend), PLEASE CALL THE 24 HOUR ON CALL NURSE at 224-612-7000.**

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