



Spinal Cord Stimulator Implant - Post Operative Instructions

- Incision Care:** If there is a dressing, you may remove it on the morning after surgery BEFORE your shower. If Surgical Glue is used expect it will slowly peel off within 14 days. Please call us with any changes or concerns such as: redness, swelling or drainage at incision site, or temperature greater than 101°. (Clear liquid drainage in the first 24 hours is normal)
- Bathing:** You may **shower** the morning or afternoon after surgery; avoid scrubbing the incision site for the first 7 days.
No baths or swimming until approved by the physician or physician assistant at your follow up appointment.
- Restrictions:** For 2 months after surgery:
- No twisting trunk twisting for lumbar stimulator, nor neck twisting for a neck stimulator
 - No strenuous activity
 - No lifting greater than 10lbs
 - No overhead lifting
- Exercise:** Increase your light activity each day, such as walking, as tolerated.
- Driving:** You may drive the day after the procedure if you feel okay to do so. The stimulator must be turned off to drive. Do not drive if you are taking pain medications.
- Diet:** Eat a healthy diet to promote healing.
- Smoking:** Avoid smoking. Smoking decreases the rate of bone and skin healing and also interferes with the effectiveness of pain medication.
- Follow-Up:** You will have pain from both incisions for up to 2 weeks. Ice helps the battery site to improve pain and swelling. You will have a post-operative appointment approximately 2 weeks after surgery.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office Triage Line at 734-547-4850. If it is AFTER HOURS call the Answering service at 734-572-7418.