



ABDOMINOPLASTY

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- Activity:** **Do not do any of the following activity for at least 3 weeks:**
- Bending from the waist. (stoop instead)
 - Heavy lifting over 5 lbs.
 - Aerobic exercise or jogging
 - Repetitive arm movements (i.e. tennis, swimming, vacuuming, dusting, folding clothes)
 - Any vigorous upper body movements
 - You will need to walk in a bent position for 1-2 weeks after surgery
 - You may find sleeping in a recliner or using a study pillow in bed to be the most comfortable position for a while after surgery.
- Diet:** You may do better with small frequent meals for a while. Do not drink alcohol for 24 hours after surgery or while taking pain medication or antibiotics.
- Driving:** You may drive a car in 4 weeks. **Work:** You may return to work in 4 weeks.
- Medications:** Take all medication as instructed. Only Tylenol products or pain medication should be taken for pain. Please ask your doctor about resuming medication(s) that you take daily.
- Bathing:** While you have a drain in place you may take a shallow tub bath. Be sure that the drains stay above the water; do not get them wet. You will be able to take a shower 24 hours after all drains are removed.
- Dressings:** Leave drain dressing intact, DO NOT REMOVE. Watch for changes in redness, swelling or drainage of incisions.
- Sun Care:** A good sunblock should always be used to protect your skin from sun damage. In addition, particular care should be taken with the sun as long as you have bruising, as permanent discoloration could result with sun exposure.
- Supplies:** Bacitracin ointment needed for one week.
- Call Physician For:**
- Change in color in surgical area
 - Fever
 - Pain that is not relieved
 - Drainage of operative area