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Post-Procedure Instructions

Medications...

- Resume any medication that you take on a regular basis, unless otherwise instructed.

Watch for these Symptoms...

- Bleeding or other drainage from injection site.
- Unusual redness or swelling around injection site.
- Persistent pain that is new at the injection site.
- Temperature of 100 or above.
- Persistent numbness, tingling or severe weakness that you did not have before the injection.

Remember—you have final responsibility for your care. Call your primary doctor for any problems that concern you. If it is after normal business hours, and you are still concerned, call **911** or go to the Emergency Room.

PAIN... may return after local anesthetic has worn off (approx 4-6hrs) If you have been given steroids, it may take up to 72 hours for it to begin working. Continue taking your regularly prescribed pain medications.

If you Received Sedation for the next 24 hours....

- Do **NOT** stay alone
- Do **NOT** drink
- **AVOID** making important decisions for the rest of the day.
- You may return to your normal activities the next day.

Comfort Measures

DAY 1

- Apply **ice only** to injection site for up to 10 minutes at a time, up to 4 times during a day.
- You must apply ice ASAP for it to be effective-before local anesthetic wears off.
- Do not put ice directly on skin-place cloth between ice and skin.
- Remove band-aid after 12 hours.

DAY 2

- Alternate **ice** and **moist heat** (no dry heat-heating pad)
- Apply each for up to 10 minutes at a time, up to 4 times during the day.

IMPORTANT: Immediately call 911, or go to the nearest Emergency room, if you have any shortness of breath or difficulty breathing!

I have received a copy of these instructions. I understand them and agree that is my responsibility to follow them.

Patient Signature

Date

Print Name

Staff Signature