

ELBOW DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

- Keep your dressing clean and dry.
- DO NOT remove bandage and splint. We will evaluate removal at your 1st post-op visit.
- You may shower after the dressing comes off, but DO NOT soak your elbow in a bathtub, pool, or other standing water.
- Apply ice to your elbow for 20 minutes several times a day. This will help with the swelling and may help to decrease some of the pain.
- Your arm will be placed in a sling post-operatively that will need to be worn for **24 hours**. After that, you may choose not to use it or to continue wearing it for comfort measures.
- You will be given a prescription for pain medication, but if you only experience mild discomfort you may take Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Advil (ibuprofen).
- The Inter-Scalene Block will wear off within 12 hours. You may experience some tingling as it wears off.

It is normal to feel some pain and swelling after the operation, but call our office if you experience:

- Fever above 101 F
- Increased redness, swelling, bleeding, excessive pain
- Numbness, coldness, lack of feeling in your elbow
- Chest pain or shortness of breath

*Your initial post-op appointment will be made 7-10 days after surgery.

Please call our office if you have any questions: **(912) 644-5331** or **(800) 827-6536**