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BRAIN SURGERY

Post-operative care instructions

Keep wound dry. If the wound gets wet, please dab dry and do not scrub the wound.

Please make an appointment to see your GP between 7-10 days after the day of surgery.

Keep waterproof dressings intact until you are seen by your GP. If the dressings get soiled then please replace them.

Keep the wound covered at all times for 7 days after surgery. Remove waterproof dressings on day 7 but cover for a further 3 days while showering (you can leave them off during other times).

You will have a Telehealth review by your specialist around 1 week after discharge and a face-to-face review in the specialist rooms around 3-4 weeks after discharge.

If staples are used, please attend your local doctor to have them removed between day 7-10 following SURGERY.

If absorbable sutures are used, please attend your local doctor for a wound review around 7 days following DISCHARGE.

Do not drive until you have approved by the specialist.

Do not return to work or work from home until reviewed by the specialist.

You may be discharged on some medications that are being reduced over a period of time. Please confirm with your doctor which medications you should be continuing and which medications you should be stopping.

Ensure you are well hydrated and you are getting enough rest.

If you normally take Aspirin, Plavix or other blood thinners/heart medications, please confirm with your doctor or the rooms as to when it is safe to re-start them.

OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

If you haven't been given a follow-up appointment upon discharge from hospital, then please contact our rooms on 9592 2819 to make a follow-up appointment.