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POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NASAL/SINUS SURGERY

- 1. Your physician may prescribe medication for pain and nausea.
- 2. To help ease the discomfort after surgery, you should rest, elevate your head, and take the prescribed medications.
- 3. In general, activity should be limited for approximately two weeks after surgery.
- 4. Some drainage of blood or mucous is normal, especially during the first few days after surgery.
- 5. Nasal saline irrigations twice a day will be recommended after sinus surgery.
- 6. You will experience nasal congestion and sinus pressure for 3-7 days after surgery. Your doctor may recommend over the counter medications, such as Afrin, to help relieve the congestion.
- 7. Call 205.414.1368 during normal business hours for routine questions and medication refills.
- 8. Call at any time for problems such as excessive or continuous bleeding, excessive pain, high fever (over 101° for more than 12 hours that does not respond to Tylenol, increased fluid intake, or cool baths), or excessive nausea.