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# **Lumpectomy CareMap (with or without Sentinel Node)**

How to prepare for your surgery and what to expect afterward

#### **Before Surgery Day Day of Surgery** 7 Days Before At Home After surgery: Shower ☐ Plan for your ride to the hospital and ☐ Take another shower with the ☐ You will: back home. antibacterial soap, as - Wake up in the recovery room prescribed. ☐ If you usually take blood thinners such Have an IV in your arm as Lovenox or Coumadin, talk with At the Hospital Be given pain medicine through your care team. We may want to Before surgery: your IV or by mouth, and anti-nausea medicine if adjust your doses around the time of needed. When your doctor says you are ready, ☐ Check in at the Surgery Registration Desk at or surgery. you will be discharged from the recovery room. before your arrival time. ☐ Stop taking supplements and ☐ A nurse will call you to come to the Pre-op area. Self-care and Activity at Home vitamins. ☐ We will start an intravenous (IV) line to give you ☐ Pre-Anesthesia staff will tell you ☐ Read the handout "Stretches and Exercises." Move medicines and fluids. your arms gently. Listen to your body and let pain which medicines to take on the ☐ We will place a heating blanket on you while you be your guide. Stop if something hurts. morning of surgery. are waiting to go into the operating room (OR). ☐ Keep all dressings clean and dry. 2 Days Before Keeping your body warm helps lower the risk of ☐ Eat a normal healthy diet, as you can. ☐ Stop shaving near the surgery site, if infection. needed. ☐ Start walking on the day of surgery. Walking ☐ You will meet with: **Day Before Surgery** - An anesthesiologist to talk about anesthesia **Follow-up Visits** ☐ You will receive a call from the A member of the surgery team so that you can ☐ Before you leave the hospital, we hospital with your arrival time and ask questions and sign a consent form (if not will set up a follow-up visit with medicine instructions. already done) your breast surgeon or Advanced ☐ Take a shower with Follow-up - Nurses to review your health history Practice Practitioner (APP). Shower the antibacterial soap. ☐ A member of the anesthesia team will take you as prescribed. to the operating room (OR). ☐ Do **not** eat any food or Surgery drink any alcohol after midnight. ☐ Read your surgery manual for full instructions on preparing for surgery.

## At Home: Week 1 After Surgery Treatment and Medicines Medicines ☐ Your pain will be controlled by: - Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and/or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) - Opioid pain pills as needed (always take with food) ☐ Begin to taper dose of opioid pain pills. ☐ Keep taking the medicine prescribed for constipation while you are taking opioid pain pills (unless you are having loose stools). Regular Diet Diet ☐ Eat your usual foods. ☐ Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. If You Have Dressings ☐ Leave them in place for 48 hours after your surgery. ☐ They are waterproof, so you may shower. Do **not** soak in a tub. ☐ At 48 hours, remove the outer bandages from breast and armpit (if present). Leave the white Steri-Strips in place. Gently pat the Steri-Strips dry after you shower. **Activity** ☐ Walk at least 4 times a day, going farther each day. ☐ Do not drive while you are taking prescription pain medicine. **Follow-up Visits** ☐ Visit with breast surgeon and/or APP 1 to 2 weeks after surgery: - Talk about pathology report (you may receive results by phone before this visit)

- If needed, talk about seeing medical or radiation oncologist for

☐ If you had a sentinel node procedure: Receive a prescription for physical therapy.





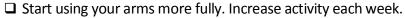
### At Home: Weeks 2 to 4

#### Treatment and Medicines

- ☐ Pain controlled by acetaminophen or ibuprofen, or both.
- ☐ Goal is to be off opioid pain pills by now.

#### **Activity**

- ☐ Walk every day, going farther each day.
- ☐ Once you have stopped taking opioid pain pills, you can drive if you feel OK doing so.
- ☐ Walk every day, going farther each day.



☐ Keep following the "Stretches and Exercises" handout. Start doing more exercise. Build slowly. Let your body guide you. If something you are doing hurts, slow down or stop!

### **Follow-up Visits**

- ☐ See "Follow-up Visits" for Week 1.
- ☐ If you had a sentinel node procedure: Visit with Physical Therapy to talk about lymphedema prevention and monitoring.



When to Call

Walking

### **Questions or Concerns?**

Your questions are important. Call your care team if you have questions or concerns.

- SCCA Breast Health Clinic: 206.606.7563
- UWMC Breast Clinic Northwest Campus: 206.668.6746

### For urgent needs after hours:

You can also call your clinic any time of the day or night. Ask to speak with the on-call provider.

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