Bone Biopsy, Open
Care After Surgery

Read the instructions below and refer to this sheet in the next few weeks. These discharge instructions provide you with general information on caring for yourself after you leave the hospital. Your doctor may also give you specific instructions. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable complications occasionally occur. If you have any problems or questions after discharge, call your doctor.

FINDING OUT THE RESULTS OF YOUR TEST

Not all test results are available during your visit. If your test results are not back during the visit, make an appointment with your caregiver to find out the results. Do not assume everything is normal if you have not heard from your caregiver or the medical facility. It is important for you to follow up on all of your test results.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Keep your surgery site clean and dry.
- You may shower and bathe normally unless instructed otherwise by your surgeon.
- Pat the wound dry and re-bandage it after cleansing or care for as instructed.
- Protect the wound until your caregiver advises otherwise.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling, or increasing pain in the wound.
- There is pus coming from the wound.
- There is drainage from a wound lasting longer than one day.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C). develops.
- You notice a foul smell coming from the wound or dressing.
- The wound edges break apart after sutures or staples have been removed.
- You develop persistent nausea or vomiting.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- You develop a rash.
- You have difficulty breathing
- You develop any reaction or side effects to medicine given.

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