

Discharge Instructions: Intrathecal Pump Implant

What To Expect

- It is normal to feel sore at the needle site for a few days.

Wound Care

- Keep dressing in place until your follow up clinic visit in 2-3 weeks when we remove the staples.
- Keep the dressing clean and dry.
- No soaking in bathtub

Restrictions

- Avoid vigorous activity that was not done before the procedure. Normal activity is OK.
- You may resume all non-pain medications. Please note: If you are taking an anticoagulant (blood thinner) medications, your doctor will tell you when you can resume taking that medication after your procedure.
- When you are discharged, you will be given antibiotic medications to help prevent infection. Take them as directed.

Pain Control

- If you are taking pain medications, your doctor will tell you which ones to continue or discontinue.

Diet

You may resume your previous diet.

Call Us If...

You have:

- fever and/or chills
- bleeding from the injection site
- pus or drainage at injection site
- muscle weakness or trouble moving (paralysis)
- loss of bowel or bladder control

Follow Up Care

We will follow you closely for the first few weeks. You will have a follow up clinic appointment in 2-3 weeks to have your staples removed.