

Brachioplasty (Arm Reduction)

Post Op Instructions

Rest

- ✓ Go home and rest.
- ✓ When relaxing, flex calves to help maintain leg circulation and reduce possibility of clots in veins.
- ✓ Overnight, remain within 1 hour's distance of the surgery in case of complications.

Bleeding

- ✓ Minor bleeding is normal for the first 24-48 hours post-operatively.
- ✓ If you experience heavy or prolonged bleeding please contact Dr Belt on the numbers below.

Wound Care

- ✓ Keep wounds dry for 48 hours. Leave dressings intact until you return to the Doctor.
- ✓ Bruising ranging from purple through to yellow is normal.
- ✓ Swelling will be evident. This will settle down.

Pain Relief

- ✓ A script will be provided for pain relief - sufficient for one week. If you run out, Panadeine should be adequate.
- ✓ Do not take Aspirin (unless prescribed) as it prolongs bleeding.
- ✓ Contact Dr Belt if pain relief is inadequate.

Infection

- ✓ Please remember to take your antibiotics regularly as prescribed
- ✓ Wound infection is an infrequent occurrence. Contact Dr Belt if you experience:
 - Increased pain, temperature and flu-like symptoms
 - Widespread redness
 - Offensive discharge coming from the wound.

Exercise

- ✓ Avoid strenuous lifting, aerobic exercises and swimming for 6 weeks post operatively.
- ✓ Try gentle exercise ie. light walking
- ✓ Do not drive a motor vehicle for 14post operatively.

At any time during office hours my Registered Nurse - Sally, is available to help with any concerns you might have pre & post operation. In the uncommon event that you cannot contact Dr Belt or his colleagues in an emergency, please present to Greenslopes Private Hospital Emergency Department for treatment.

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If you have any problems post operatively, please contact me on the above numbers. I always prefer to know if there is a problem before you go to your GP as I am responsible for your post-operative care.