

# STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

# ACTIVITY

- Do not drive or operate machinery today.
- Attend therapy of home therapy as prescribed.
- Resume normal activities tomorrow as tolerated.

# CARE OF THE INJECTION SITE

• If you have soreness or pain, apply ice to the area today. (20 minutes on/20 minutes off)

Starting tomorrow you may use warm, moist heat or ice if needed.

• Notify the Spine and Pain Center if you have any of the following: redness, drainage, swelling or fever above 100F degrees.

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- You may eat when your voice returns to normal. Begin with sips of water and then progress to solid foods as tolerated.
- If you have any changes in your normal breathing pattern such as shortness of breath or pain, or swelling in your neck, go to any emergency room. Tell them you had a Stellate Ganglion Block.
- It is normal to have any of the following up to 8 hours after the procedure: Droopy eye Bloodshot eye Tearing Nasal stuffiness Hoarse voice Feeling of a "lump in your throat" Sensation of warmth, tingling, or weakness in your arm/hand
- Call the office tomorrow with a progress report.

# **MEDICATIONS**

- Continue to take all your routine medications.
- Most blood thinners can be started according to your regular schedule, please call our office with any questions.

If you have a problem specifically related to your procedure, please call our office at 484-526-7246.

Problems not related to your procedure should be directed to your primary care physician.

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# THESE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED WITH ME.

PATIENT SIGNATURE