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***Postoperative Craniotomy
Patient Instructions***

Wound Care

Please keep the incision dry for 7 days following the operation. Make an appointment with your Family Physician to assess the incision and to ensure that there is no infection (redness with fever and chills) and remove any necessary sutures or staples, 7 days following the operation. Please keep the incision dry for 24 hours after the sutures/staples have been removed. Do not aggressively wash or dye your hair after this until follow up with Dr. Sun. If you notice any fever, chills, incisional redness, yellow discharge or clear discharge seek immediate medical attention and contact Dr. Sun's office.

Activity

There is a small seizure risk after a craniotomy, therefore please do not drive, bathe, or swim until follow-up with Dr. Sun. Dr. Sun will determine further activity after that. If you are on anti-seizure medication please continue with this. Gradually progress your activity within a comfortable degree. Strenuous activity (intense exercise, heavy lifting etc.) should be avoided until further instructions by Dr. Sun. If a seizure does occur, you should be turned to your side and 911 should be called so that you can be assessed emergently at your closest Emergency Department.

Follow-up

Dr. Sun's office will make arrangements to see you in 2 to 3 months following the operation. His office will contact you with the appointment time within 2 weeks of discharge.

If your surgery was for a brain tumor, you will be contacted by Dr. Sun within 2 weeks with the pathology results.