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HOME INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEPTORHINOPLASTY

- Sleep on your back with your head elevated at approximately a 45 degree angle.
- You will have a splint-type dressing over your nose with tape that extends over the nostril area. Please do not remove your splint.
- You will have a small gauze pad under your nose, this is referred to as a drip pad, please change this as needed. This may be removed once the bloody drainage has reduced enough after surgery, which may take a several days.
- You may have a plastic tube in each nostril to keep the airway open. The office will let you know when these will be removed.
- Please do not take any aspirin, Advil or Aleve for a period of one week following your surgery.
- If you need pain medication, do not hesitate to take this as prescribed. However, **please eat food immediately after taking the medication to minimize the chance of nausea or vomiting.**
- If you start feeling nauseous, take your nausea medications as directed.
- Please do not wear glasses for a period of one month after your nasal splint has been removed.
- You may have difficulty breathing through your nose for a short time due to swelling, this is to be expected.
- Try to sneeze through your mouth for the first ten days following surgery. Do not blow your nose for three weeks following your surgery.
- The tip and bridge of your nose may become numb, this is to be expected.
- No excessive sun exposure for a period of four weeks after surgery, if you have to be out doors, a protective sunscreen lotion (SPF15 or higher) must be used.
- You may experience some swelling of your nose after the splint has been removed. This is normal and will gradually decrease.
- Your swelling and bruising will increase for the first 48 hours; you may then expect a gradual improvement. You may experience bruising around the eyes.
- All patients are seen the day after surgery.
- Due to the use of a general anesthetic, someone must be with you for 24 hours after surgery.
- You may not be able to drive yourself for 5 to 7 days after surgery if you are taking pain medications, please arrange for your transportation for the post operative appointments

REMINDERS:

- Refer to the patient discharge instructions upon discharge from the surgery center.
- Please take all of your medications on schedule
- Report any unusual heavy bleeding or discomfort unless you have been advised otherwise. Report shortness of breath, temperature above 100 degrees and redness. Pain or discomfort in your legs should be reported immediately.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

For emergencies after normal office hours, please call the answering service at **440-461-7999**. Leave your name, phone number and the reason for your call. If there is not a response within 10 minutes, please call the number again.