Post Operative Instruction for Surgery

Diet:

- 1. A diet high in protein before surgery will help prepare the body
- 2. A Whole fresh pineapple eaten daily after surgery will help decrease bruising

Medications:

- 1. <u>Antibiotics</u> to be taken as directed for the full length of the prescription begin on the day after your procedure
- 2. <u>Pain Medication</u> to be taken as prescribed. We highly suggest taking the narcotics for a minimum of the first 48 hours as directed. Tylenol can be used as needed, but NOT within 4 hours of the narcotic. The narcotic we prescribe has Tylenol, so they may not be taken together. Please call us with questions or inadequate pain control!
- 3. Nausea Medication: Please take the nausea meds any time you feel the need.
- 4. Medrol Dose Pack: Begin on your first day after surgery.
- 3. Incisions can have Bacitracin or Vaseline applied to moisturize. For incisions around The eyes, Dr. Winslow will give you Bacitracin Ophthalmic ointment.
- 4. Eye drops such as Refresh Plus or Thera Tears MUST be used for the first couple of weeks after eyelid surgery. Need to be purchased at any pharmacy.

Bandages:

- 1. After Dr. Winslow has removed the initial dressing she will place a compression dressing.
- 2. The new dressing must be left on except to shower for the first week.
- 3. Incisions around the eyes are treated with Bacitracin ophthalmic ointment or Aquaphor.
- 4. After the first week wound care is as directed by Dr. Winslow
- 5. You may purchase either Kelo-cote Spray or Mederma to begin applying to your scars 1 month after surgery, to encourage faster healing.

Activity:

- 1. No lifting greater than 5lbs. for one week no straining.
- 2. No Exercise for the first week, DO NOT EXERT YOURSELF.
- 3. Sleep with head elevated for one week
- 4. Keep ice on the eyes or affected areas (20 minutes on 20 minutes off) for the first 48 hours.

Peels:

- 1. Begin taking your Valtrex the evening before your procedure
- 2. Keep the peeled area well covered with Aguaphor at all times
- 3. You must shower or rinse the area two times daily. NO rubbing, pat dry and reapply the Aquaphor.
- 4. Call us immediately with any possible reactions to the Aquaphore-excessive itching, small bumps. Fast Treatment will relieve the symptoms and prevent A prolonged healing period.