Pectoral Implants

**Dressing** - Tape is to remain on the incisions for seven days. If tape edges start to come loose, they may be trimmed as needed. We will remove the tape at your one week follow-up visit. You should shower daily and lather the tape with soap and water but no not soak in water. The tape can be dried by blotting with dry towel or by using a hairdryer at a low setting (do not use the heat setting). If you have a garment it is to be washed and dried daily to avoid infection.

**Sutures** - Dissolve in about two weeks.

**Wound Care** - Tape should be cleaned daily in the shower by lathering with soap and water. The tape can be dried by blotting with dry towel or by using a hairdryer at a low setting (do not use the heat setting). After the dressings are removed by your surgeon, the incision should be cleaned with diluted peroxide then coated with antibiotic ointment or scarguard as instructed.

**Activity** - Increase activity as tolerated with no heavy exercise or lifting for at least two weeks. Do not lift anything more than 5 lbs the first week. Do not lift anything more than 10 lbs the second week. Do not raise your elbows above your shoulders for one week. No bouncing activity or weight exercising for 6 weeks (eg. Jogging). Avoid driving while still taking prescription pain medication.

**What to Expect** - Swelling, bruising and some bloody drainage is normal. As numbness subsides, it is common to feel tingling or sharp sensations. These sensations will eventually go away, however it may take months to resolve.

**Signs of Hematoma** - Painful extreme swelling and hardness often accompanied by bruising, usually unilateral causing asymmetry. Please notify us if you have any symptoms you are concerned with.

Please purchase these items from your local drug store before surgery:

- Prescription medication