



TENNESSEE ORTHOPAEDIC ALLIANCE

## **Postoperative instructions**

### **Open reduction internal fixation of clavicle fracture**

**Weightbearing:** No weightbearing to the operative extremity. Remain in sling at all times except for bathing and elbow motion. You will come out of the sling 3 times per day to perform gentle elbow motion to prevent elbow stiffness.

**Dressing instructions:** Keep your dressing and/or splint clean and dry at all times. You can remove your dressing on post-operative day #4 (Sunday) and change with a dry/sterile dressing or Band-Aids as needed thereafter.

**Incision instructions:** Do not **soak** your incision for 3 weeks after surgery. If the incision gets wet, pat dry and do not scrub the incision.

**Pain control:** You have been given a prescription to be taken as directed for post-operative pain control. In addition, elevate the operative site above the heart to decrease swelling and throbbing pain.

Take over-the-counter Colace, 100mg by mouth twice a day while taking narcotic pain medications to help prevent constipation.

Please call 931-552-4340 for any problems. Including the following:

- Excessive redness of the incisions
- Drainage for more than 4 days
- Fever of more than 101.5° F

Please call 931-552-4340 if you do not receive or are unsure of your first follow-up appointment. You should have an appointment 10-14 days after your surgery.

Follow up appointments:

- 1) 10-14 days with Dr. Teske for wound check.
- 2) Dr. Teske, 4-6 weeks for XRays and recheck

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