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## **Ponto/Baha Implant Surgery POSTOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Remove the outer bandage two (2) days following surgery. There will be a dressing under the bandage that will be removed by the surgeon at the first postop appointment. If there is any additional special care of the incision needed, you will be given instructions by your surgeon.
2. Start the prescription antibiotic the day you go home. Be sure to finish the entire amount of this medication prescribed. Notify our office if you have any swelling, hives, itching, or other signs of allergies to the medication.
3. Discomfort may be relieved by taking acetaminophen (Tylenol). Do not use products containing aspirin (for example, Excedrin) or ibuprofen (such as Motrin). If your pain is not relieved by acetaminophen, you may use the prescription pain medication.
4. Keep the incision and wound dry for the first two weeks following surgery. Hair may be washed with special precautions to keep the incision dry.
5. Notify our office if you experience any of the following:
  - Redness, swelling, or drainage from your incision
  - Pain, cramping, or swelling in your legs
  - A persistent fever over 101.5 degrees F
  - Severe headache or neck stiffness
  - Any other concerns or problems that may arise
6. You will be given an appointment for a check-up in the office a few days from now. If this time or day is not convenient for you, please let us know as soon as possible by calling (317) 842-4901. If you have any questions before then, please don't hesitate to call our office.
7. In an emergency you may reach the doctor after hours by calling the office phone number, (317) 842-4901. The answering service will contact the doctor for you.