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Diplomate, American Board of Neurological Surgery  
Fellowship Trained, Complex Spine Surgery  
Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery  
Artificial Disc Replacement  
Stereotactic Radiosurgery  
General Neurosurgery

Your Neurosurgeon was: Dr. Scott P Leary

**Your Diet is:** You may experience a sore throat after surgery. If so, please eat Soft Foods (i.e., soups, pastas) until soreness resolves, then may advance diet as tolerated.

**Wound/Skin Care:**

- **You will see a Prineo Dermabond Dressing Mesh to your your back incision.**
- **You may leave all your wounds open to air at all times. No dressing is needed.**
- **You may see a band-aide type dressing over an open wound, this is where your back drain was before it was removed. Please wash this area with soap and water daily and re-cover with a band-aide type dressing until this area is fully healed.**
- **Please wash your wound daily with soap and water starting tomorrow.**
- **Do not submerge or soak your wound x 4 weeks.**
- **Avoid placing any ointments to wound x 4 weeks.**
- **Leave this Dermabond in place for at least two weeks.**
- **If you have sutures/staples that need to be removed, these will be removed 2-3 weeks after surgery by our office.**

**Activity** Limitations are as follows:

- Walk more than 6x/day: it will help you recover faster and may help prevent blood clots in your legs.
- Wear your TLSO/LSO Brace at all times when not in bed.
- Avoid extreme or repetitive range of motion to your back to allow your surgery to heal.
- No lifting/carrying anything over 10 pounds.
- NO strenuous activity/No active exercise/No contact sports until you are told to do by our office in your follow up appointment.
- You may not work or drive while taking Narcotic pain medications and until you are cleared to do so by our office.**
- No bathtub, hot tub, Jacuzzi, swimming pool or ocean activity for 6 weeks due to your risk for further injury.
- Do not drink alcohol while taking narcotic pain medications: May call 211 for San Diego Alcohol cessation resources if needed.
- Do not smoke cigarettes, cigars, Vape, or Marijuana until your graft has healed (up to one year). May call 1-(800) No Butts for cessation resource.

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Correction of Scoliosis  
Outpatient Kyphoplasty  
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Lumbar Spine Disease  
Skull Base Surgery  
Endoscope Assisted Surgery  
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### Discharge Medications:

#### **See Medication Reconciliation form:**

- May restart all the medications we discussed in your pre-op visit and your regular home medications.
  - If you have medications that we do not want you re-starting, we will list them here.
  - Do not use Aspirin/Motrin/Ibuprofen until released to do so.
- For **mild/moderate** pain please use:
- Over the counter Tylenol (acetaminophen) Extra Strength. Please take 2 tabs (1000mg) by mouth every 6 hours for two weeks.
  - For **severe** Pain: May use the Narcotic prescribed as discussed during your pre-op visit.
    - Please *stop* all Narcotic pain meds as quickly as possible and destroy any unused pills remaining from your prescription.
  - For muscle spasms: May use Flexeril / Zanaflex.
  - For Nerve pain: start Gabapentin 100mg by mouth every 8 hours for two weeks.
  - See Medication information for all New Medication Prescribed upon discharge.
  - No medication refills will be approved over the phone. You must follow up with our office in person for any medication refill.
  - For Constipation: May use over the counter Colace/Sennikot/MOM/Miralax/Lactulose per bottle directions.
  - For all medications, please refer to attached medication information regarding purpose, expected effects, and potential side effects. We encourage you to call our office if you have questions or concerns regarding any of your new medications (858) 223-2100.

### Follow up Care:

Please come to our office for your first follow up appointment in 3 weeks. Please refer to your surgery letter for your follow up appointment date and time.

- Please Call Our office at (858) 223-2100 to report any new/un-evaluated symptoms.**
- Please see your Primary Care Doctor in 1 month to update of medical history.

### Emergency Symptoms you should look out for at home include:

**Please call 911 and go to the nearest Emergency Department for:**

- [X] New/uncontrolled chest pain [X] Shortness of breath [X] Difficulty breathing
- Please call (858) 223-2100 OR return to the Emergency Department immediately for any of the following:** [X] Fever over 102.0 [X] Nausea/Vomiting [X] New Bleeding or Drainage [X] Any new or uncontrolled Pain [X] Constipation/Diarrhea
- [X] Dizziness/lightheadedness [X] Change in vision [X] Inability to walk and/or other symptoms