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## **Abdominoplasty Pre-operative Instructions**

- Your scheduled surgery date is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Your procedure will be performed at \_\_\_\_\_.
- You should call Surgical Booking at \_\_\_\_\_ one business day prior to your scheduled procedure to determine as to when to arrive to the facility.
  
- Labwork has been ordered for you in preparation for your surgery, which may include an EKG and/or a chest X-ray as well. Please complete all tests at least 1 week prior to your procedure, but no more than 4 weeks before your scheduled surgical date.
  
- If you smoke or use any other nicotine products (including the patch or gum), please stop at least 4 weeks prior to surgery. You should refrain from nicotine products for at least 4 weeks following your surgery as well. Smoking reduces circulation and can therefore result in wound healing impairment.
  
- Avoid aspirin, ibuprofen products (Advil, Motrin), Aleve, Naprosyn, Celebrex, Toradol and products containing Vitamin E for 1 week prior to as well as following your surgery, as they result in a higher risk of bleeding. If you are taking blood thinners such as Coumadin or Lovenox, your regimen will be coordinated with your Coumadin Clinic and medical physicians.
  
- You have received prescriptions for \_\_\_\_\_ as a post-operative antibiotic and \_\_\_\_\_ for post-operative pain relief. Please plan to take Colace post-operatively to limit abdominal straining and constipation. Please fill your prescriptions prior to your surgical date.
  
- Please purchase Bacitracin ointment, Telfa Gauze 3"x4" nonadherent dressings, and 1" surgical paper tape from your pharmacy prior to your surgery, as you will need them for post-operative dressing care.
  
- If liposuction will be performed in conjunction with your abdominoplasty, please purchase a 1<sup>st</sup> Stage abdominal compression garment and bring it with you to the operating room on the day of your procedure. You may purchase this through [www.marenagroup.com](http://www.marenagroup.com). For liposuction of the abdomen and flanks only, garment coverage of the thighs is not mandatory. For liposuction which also addresses the buttocks and/or thighs, please select the appropriate garment coverage for these areas as well. Often, patients choose to purchase a second garment for ease of cleaning and wear. Be sure to indicate Dr. Pathy's name while purchasing to receive a discounted rate.
  
- Do not eat or drink anything starting at midnight on the night before your surgery. If discussed at your pre-op visit, you may be able to take selected medications with a sip of water on the morning of your surgery.
  
- Wear a large, front-closure shirt and loose elastic-waisted pants to the hospital on the day of your surgery.

Please contact us with any additional questions or concerns.