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Postop Shoulder, Elbow & Clavicle Dressing Change Instructions

(NOT for shoulder or elbow arthroplasty / replacement patients)

Change your dressing at home on postoperative day 3 and keep the incisions clean, dry, and covered until your suture removal appointment.

- Shoulders/ Elbows / Clavicles: First place xeroform on stitches, secondly lay the sterile gauze over the xeroform, and lastly place the clear Tegaderm over the sterile gauze.
- To see a video demonstration of how to change the dressing, please go BrianDavisMD.com, click on the “Patient Info” tab and select “Post-Op Instructions” from the dropdown menu. Alternatively, go to the following URL or **scan the QR code** below:



www.coloradosportsmeddoc.com/post-op-instructions-orthopedic-surgeon-broomfield-boulder-co/

******Do not place any other ointments (i.e. Neosporin, petroleum, or scar creams), alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on your stitches, until you're instructed to do so by Dr. Davis. ******

When you shower, please cover your stitches so they stay dry. Do not take baths or soak in any form of water until you are instructed you may do so by Dr. Davis.

- Shoulders / Clavicles/ Elbows - please shower with your dressing on. If needed, cover the surgical site with a waterproof bag or Saran wrap

For all procedures that require a sling

- Please take the sling off for showering, and hang your arm down to your side, however, please put the sling back on at all times once you are done showering.
- When sleeping, be sure to be in your sling. It is OK to sleep in a reclined position or flat – whichever is more comfortable.

For all procedures (shoulder, elbow and clavicles): the white TED hose stockings need to be worn on both legs (14 days) at all times on both legs, except for when showering or if they need to be hand washed.

*****You may ice for 20 minutes on and 40 minutes off*******

If you require any additional pain medication refills, please contact our office, as pain medication cannot be called into a pharmacy per the FDA.