



Preoperative/Postoperative Instructions for Transurethral Resection of the Prostate (TURP) Patients

Day Before Surgery -

- You may have a regular diet until midnight.
- Do not eat or drink anything after midnight.
- Your surgeon may have you give yourself an enema.

Day of Surgery (Before surgery)-

- Your surgeon may have you give yourself an enema.
- Report to day surgery (Family Surgical Waiting Room, 1st Floor, STC), at the prearranged appointment time.
- Leave valuables at home, but bring any comfort items as you see fit.
- Do not eat or drink anything (if you have been asked to take medications on the morning of surgery, you may do so with a small sip of water).
- An IV will be placed in the preoperative area.

Day of Surgery (After Surgery)-

- Anticipate being admitted, at least overnight, for observation.
- Your diet will be advanced as tolerated.
- Take at least three deep breaths and cough every two hours for the next few days.
- A catheter will may remain in your bladder to drain your urine. An irrigant solution may be connected to your catheter to keep the urine clear.
- Your urine may have some blood. Drink plenty of fluids to keep your urine clear (10-12 cups of water/day).
- Your catheter will remain until the bleeding subsides and your surgeon deems it appropriate to be removed, usually 1-2 days, but possibly longer depending on your situation.
- You may bladder discomfort or a sensation of fullness. This usually indicates bladder spasms. Your nurse will make sure your bladder is draining properly, and may provide you with medications to help with these symptoms.
- When the catheter is removed you may experience burning with urination. Medicines can prescribed to help with these symptoms.
- Notify your nurse or surgeon if you are experiencing excessive bleeding, temperature above 101, severe pain or the inability to void.
- Your nurse will provide you with follow-up instructions.
- You may perform limited/non-strenuous activities as tolerated until released by your physician. Do not lift anything heavier than 10 pounds.

Your return appointment is _____
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After Discharge:

- You may go home with prescriptions for pain, burning, stool softener, antibiotics.
- You may resume your normal diet, high in fiber (fruits and vegetables).
- Drink 10 glasses of water daily.
- Walk 4 times daily.
- Continue foot pumping exercises while sitting.
- No heavy lifting over 10 lbs. for 4 weeks.
- No driving for at least 24 hours and not taking narcotic pain medication.
- Call the clinic for any fever over 101 F, increased pain, nausea/vomiting, increasing voiding difficulties, increasing blood or clots in the urine, or other concerns.