

Post Peripheral Bypass Patient Questions

Is it normal to have swelling in my leg?

Yes, it is normal to have swelling in the leg post surgery. If this happens elevate your leg above your heart level. This should take care of the swelling. If the swelling gets worse please call the office to get an Ultrasound to rule out blood clot in the leg which can happen in rare cases.

Will I experience a lot of pain after my procedure?

It is typical to have pain from the procedure and is why you are discharged home with prescription for pain medication.

Will I get addicted to pain medication?

It is rare to get addicted to pain medication if you take it for a short time.

When I can go back to driving?

In most cases, it is ideal to wait a minimum of four weeks to drive. However, each patient is different.

When can I resume normal activity and work?

When you get home you should be able to walk, take steps, shower eat and to go back to normal activity. Please note however this might takes up to 4 weeks.

When do I need to come back to the office?

In 2-3 weeks. We look forward to seeing you.

When can my suture or staples come out?

The suture or staples can come out at your first follow up appointment, usually within 2-3 weeks.

Does the bypass ever close up and not work anymore?

This has the potential to happen at any time. Sometimes plaque or scar like tissue builds up within the artery and that is why it is important for smokers to quit and either begin or continue a walking regimen. However to keep a close eye on the bypass, we will do an Ultrasound to look at the bypass at 1 month, 6 months , one year and every six month after that.

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