



## **Post Carotid Surgery Patient Questions**

### **Will I experience a lot of pain after my procedure?**

Most patients have very little pain after this procedure. If it is helpful, please consider Tylenol or Advil for any discomfort.

### **When can I go back to driving?**

You may proceed with driving in 10-15 day, please check with the office.

### **When can I resume normal activity?**

When you are discharged you may go back to normal activity. However no heavy lifting for two to three weeks

### **When can my suture come out?**

The suture is under the skin; therefore nothing need to be removed.

### **When do I need to come back to the office?**

In two to three weeks. Please call for an appointment. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Is it normal to have swelling in the neck?**

Slight swelling is ok. However if the swelling gets worse and is growing in size, or difficulty breathing , please call the office immediately or go to the emergency room.

### **Is it normal to have numbness in my neck?**

It is normal for there to be numbness around the incision.

### **Can the artery close up again?**

It is rare for this to happen, but it is possible for this to happen at any time. Sometimes plaque or scar like tissue builds up within the artery or the other part of the artery. This is why it is important for patients who smoke to quit. However, we like to keep an eye on the artery and will do an Ultrasound to look at it in 1 month, 6 months and one year. After one year we do ultrasound depending on the blockage on the other side either every 6 month or every year.

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