## PATIENT EDUCATION

# Advanced Orthopedic Surgery Center

Information for Patients Undergoing Shoulder Joint Replacement Surgery



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#### Dear Patient,

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center would like to thank you for choosing to have your surgery here. On behalf of the entire joint replacement team, we have created this booklet as a guide for you to help with a safe and successful outcome after your joint replacement.

OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center is committed to providing care that not only meets quality and safety standards but is delivered with the greatest care and love.

#### TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT SURGERY

#### UNDERSTANDING THE SHOULDER JOINT

The shoulder joint is where the ball-shaped part of the upper arm bone (humerus) meets the cupshaped socket of the shoulder blade (scapula). A group of muscles and tendons hold the joint together. These muscles and tendons are called the rotator cuff. The muscles let you move your arm and shoulder.

#### HOW A TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT IS DONE

The ball of the humerus is replaced with an artificial ball. The socket of the scapula is replaced with an artificial socket. The new joint still uses the rotator cuff muscles to move the arm and shoulder.



## **REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT** HOW REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER REPLACEMENT IS DONE

With the reverse surgery, the ball of the humerus is replaced with an artificial socket. The socket of the scapula is replaced with an artificial ball. Since the rotator cuff muscles are damaged, another muscle (deltoid) moves the arm and shoulder.



#### BEFORE SURGERY REFERENCES

#### **BATHING INSTRUCTIONS:**

The night before surgery and the morning of surgery you will need to shower with a preoperative skin cleanser called **Chlorhexidine Gluconate.** If you do not have this skin cleanser, go to your local pharmacy and pick up the skin cleanser. A common brand name of the soap is Hibiclens®. If you are unable to find Hibiclens®, another brand name is acceptable.



- 1) Remove all jewelry and piercings.
- 2) Remove all artificial nails and nail polish.
- 3) Speak with your doctor if you have any open areas on the skin before showering with chlorhexidine gluconate.
- 4) Wash your hair, face and genitals with your regular soap before using chlorhexidine gluconate.
- 5) Thoroughly rinse your body with water from your neck down.
- 6) Step away from the water before applying chlorhexidine gluconate to avoid rinsing it off to quickly.
- 7) Apply chlorhexidine gluconate to your entire body from your neck down to your toes, using your hands or a clean washcloth. Leave on for two minutes.
- 8) Do NOT apply on or near eyes, ears, nose, throat, mouth, or genitals.
- 9) Rinse thoroughly with water.
- 10) Pat yourself dry with a clean towel.
- 11) Do NOT apply anything to the skin following the shower. This includes but not limited to: hair spray, lotions, powders, creams, aftershave, make up, deodorant, etc.
- 12) Put on newly laundered clothing and bed linens.
- 13) No pets in the bed



## MY SURGERY CHECK LIST

Please **check**  $[\checkmark]$  **box** as you complete the tasks.

If you see the comment pg. in parenthesis, please refer to that page in the booklet for more detailed information.

ONE MONTH BEFORE SURGERY
You will receive a phone call from OSF Surgery Pre-Admission Center
This phone call will schedule you for the following (if applicable):
■ Labs, urine sample, EKG (a test for your heart), or X-ray
■ Pre-operative education class
■ Hospitalist appointment (if needed for medical clearance)
You will be responsible for scheduling your specialty appointments
3 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY
PRE-ANESTHESIA INTERVIEW
Receive a phone call from a Nurse Navigator to complete your pre-anesthesia interview
■ The Nurse Navigator may order additional testing such as lab work, urine sample, EKG (a test for your heart), or X-ray. The additional testing is determined by your health history.
Medication Review:
☐ The Nurse Navigator may ask you to stop certain medications before surgery because some medications can increase the risk of bleeding.
☐ Herbal supplements (including tea), vitamins, and over the counter Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs), such as Motrin and Aleve should be stopped 14 days before surgery.
☐ Do NOT take diet pills or erectile dysfunction medication for 7 days before surgery.
☐ Do NOT use Illegal Drugs.
☐ Inform the Nurse Navigator if you use nicotine, marijuana, or CBD Oil.
☐ The Nurse Navigator will review your home medications with you (chart on pg. 6).
Please contact the ordering physician on when to stop and restart any medications that were prescribed to you for blood thinning or autoimmune diseases.

## **MEDICATION LIST**

## 3 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY (continued)

## **PRE-ANESTHESIA INTERVIEW**

Use this form to record your daily medications and bring it with you the day of surgery.

Medication Name	How Much You Take	How Often You Take	Check Box If You Need to Stop This Medication Before Surgery	Check Box For The Medications I Can Take Day of Surgery With Electrolyte Drink	When Did You Last Take This Medication Date and Time
			Refer to ordering provider RESTART DATE:		
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2 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY
Arrive to OSF Healthcare Saint Anthony Medical Center
■ Check in at front registration desk
☐ Labs (if applicable)
☐ Education class (if applicable)
- Receive pre-operative cleanser
<ul> <li>Receive education booklet</li> </ul>
☐ Hospitalist appointment (if applicable)
Review your medication list to know what medications need to be stopped.
Do you take blood pressure medication?
<ul><li>☐ Yes: check to see if you have a blood pressure cuff at home, if not purchase before surgery</li><li>☐ No: NA</li></ul>
Proper oral hygiene
■ Brush your teeth twice a day to prevent pneumonia.
Avoid seeing the dentist at least 2 weeks prior to surgery.
■ Wait at least 3 months after surgery before seeing the dentist. Notify them of your joint replacement and the office can help you find out if you need antibiotics before your appointment.
Perform daily skin checks to your surgery extremity
☐ Call your surgeons office if you have any type of blemishes such as: cuts, scrapes, sunburn, bug bites, ingrown hair, pimples, scabs, or rashes.
Complete Advanced Directives (Living Wills, Power of Attorney in Healthcare, Guardianship documents)
Avoid getting a manicure, pedicure, or tattoo's
■ The tools or needles used could have bacteria on them. This could lead to an infection.
If you are working, ask your surgeon to complete leave of absence forms

2 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY (continued)
☐ Nicotine users:
Stop using all nicotine products such as: cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vaping products, nicotine gum or patches, chewing tobacco, dip or snuff.
Diabetic Patients:
■ Get your A1C checked before surgery. What was your Hemoglobin A1C:
Follow your Providers orders on how to control your diabetes such as medication regimens, checking blood sugars, diet and exercise.
■ Blood sugars too high can increase your risk for infection and prevent your incision from healing.
Identify a support person to help you through your joint replacement surgery
■ This person can be a family member or friend.
The support person will attend your preoperative education class, help you with doctor and physical therapy appointments, bring you to surgery, listen to your discharge instructions, care for you and your home after surgery.
Do you have a support person?   Yes, (name):  No, (Discharge planning pg. 24)
<ul><li>Do you take care of anyone such as children, spouse or older parent?</li><li>Will you need help caring for them?</li></ul>
<ul><li>☐ Yes, I will need help caring for them. (Discharge planning pg. 24)</li><li>☐ No</li></ul>
Discharge Planning
<ul> <li>□ Discharge same day of surgery</li> <li>□ Ask your surgeon if you will need physical therapy after surgery.</li> </ul>

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY (continued)

### **HOME SAFETY CHECK LIST**

or a community church.

Outside Activities
<ul><li>☐ Clear walkway of clutter, sticks and leaves.</li><li>☐ Appoint someone to take care of your yard, shovel driveway/sidewalk during winter.</li></ul>
Living Areas
<ul> <li>□ Walkways and floors clear of clutter.</li> <li>□ Remove throw rugs.</li> <li>□ Wash and put away laundry.</li> <li>□ Keep your cell phone with you at all times.</li> </ul>
Kitchen
<ul> <li>Place commonly used items between waist and shoulder height.</li> <li>Consider ready to eat meals for easy meal planning.</li> <li>Have a hand pump antibacterial soap available for hand washing.</li> </ul>
Bathroom
<ul> <li>☐ Have a hand pump antibacterial soap available for hand washing.</li> <li>☐ It can be helpful to have grab bars in the shower or near toilet.</li> <li>☐ Remove throw rugs and add a non skid mat in shower.</li> <li>☐ Install night light</li> <li>☐ Toilet safety rails.</li> <li>■ To assist with supporting yourself during toilet use.</li> <li>■ Items can be purchases at Walmart®, Walgreens®, Amazon®, local donation stores,</li> </ul>

## 2 WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY (continued) **Apparel** ■ Loose fitting button up shirt. Pants with an elastic waist band. Avoid leggings or pants with strings, buttons or belts. **Bedroom** ☐ Wash your bedsheets the night before surgery. If you sleep in a recliner or on a sofa, place a freshly laundered sheet over the area. ■ Continue to wash bed sheets every 2-3 days after surgery for two weeks to help minimize the risk for infection. Do not sleep with your pets the night before surgery or while your wound is healing after surgery. ■ This can increase your chance of developing an infection. ☐ Clear pathway from bedroom to bathroom. **Shoulder Sling** ☐ Bring to hospital if you were given the sling in office. Your shoulder sling will be placed after your surgery. You will need to wear this constantly to protect your should, arm and hand until the nerve block wears off. Wear sling for 6 weeks for total shoulder, 2-4 weeks for reverse total shoulder surgeries. Safe to remove sling while sitting in chair, to allow the bending and straightening of the elbow, wrist, and hand. ■ Use all other times including walking, and sleeping. If a ball was provided with your sling, squeeze the ball to help reduce swelling in the hand. Using your non dominant hand for hygiene prior to surgery

- Place toilet paper stand with toilet paper on your non affected side.
- Practice putting on clothes one handed think about purchasing a reach or a grabber to help assist with dressing.

1 WEEK BEFORE SURGERY
Pre-operative appointment with your Orthopedic Surgeon (the last visit with surgeon before surgery may vary)
<ul> <li>We highly suggest utilizing OSF Pharmacy for any prescriptions prescribed before or after surgery. (pg. 25)</li> <li>Ask OSF Pharmacy about coupons for your medications and our bedside delivery program!</li> </ul>
Perform daily skin checks to your surgery extremity
☐ Report any skin blemishes on surgery extremity to surgeons office.
Review your medication list to know what medications need to be stopped
Purchase a 20 oz. sports electrolyte drink
<ul> <li>□ Electrolyte Drink examples: Gatorade<sup>®</sup>, Powerade<sup>®</sup> or Pedialyte<sup>®</sup></li> <li>■ AVOID ALL RED AND PURPLE PRODUCTS</li> </ul>
Ensure you have your pre-operative cleanser

1 DAY BEFORE SURGERY
Review your medication list on what medications needed to be stopped within 24 hours of surgery
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Do <b>NOT</b> drink any alcohol 24 hours before surgery
Between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. a Nurse Navigator will provide you with an update on your surgery time
□ SURGERY TIME:
Pack your Hospital Bag
☐ Loose fitting clothes (pg. 10)
☐ Personal care items:
Bring your glasses, contacts, hearing aids and dentures with containers (if applicable).
■ Hospital will have toiletry items.
☐ Arm sling (if applicable).
Perform your pre-operative cleansing (pg. 4)
Sleep on freshly laundered sheets
Diet Instructions
<ul> <li>□ Stop eating any solid food at 11 pm the night before surgery.</li> <li>This includes gum, hard candy, or mints.</li> </ul>

## **SURGERY DAY**

## **BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME**

Diet Instructions		
, ,	liquids up <b>UNTIL 3 HOURS BEFORE</b> your ater, Tea (No Herbal Tea), Ginger Ale, Apple Juice	
□ Drink 20 oz. of an electrolyte drink (Gato NO RED OR PURPLE DRINKS.	orade®, Powerade® or Pedialyte®),	
■ <b>COMPLETE</b> drinking your electrolyte the electrolyte drink 3 hours before your	e drink within 30 minutes. You will need to <b>FINISH</b> our scheduled surgery time.	
☐ If an OSF HealthCare Nurse Navigator told you to take any of your medications the morning of surgery, take the medication with your electrolyte drink. Refer to pg. 6 in this booklet or to the OSF HealthCare Nurse Navigator instructions sent to you.		
Perform your pre-operative cleansing		
Brush your teeth		
■ Maintaining good oral hygiene will help prevent pneumonia.		
STOP and call your surgeons office if	you are experiencing:	
	100 degrees, runny nose, coughing, sneezing, r sore throat) do not come to the hospital.	
Please bring (if applicable):		
☐ Photo ID	☐ Dentures (with containers)	
☐ Co-payment	☐ Eye glasses (with containers)	
☐ Insurance Card	☐ Hearing aids (with containers)	
☐ CPAP/BIPAP	☐ This education booklet	
☐ Inhalers or eye drops to the hospital		

## DAY OF SURGERY YOUR HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

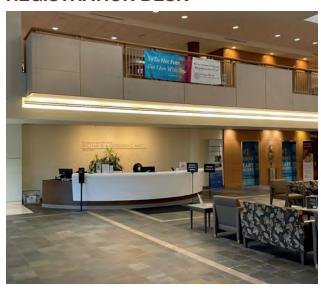
#### **ARRIVE TO HOSPITAL**

 Arrive to OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center at the time you were requested to be here.

#### VISITOR PARKING

- Valet parking available from 6:30 a.m. -6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- If your arrival time for surgery is prior to 4:30 am you will need to enter through the Emergency Department entrance.
- Visitor parking available in front of the hospital.

### **CHECK IN AT THE FRONT REGISTRATION DESK**



 Use the elevators next to the registration desk to take to the second floor where Ambulatory Surgery Unit is.

### **AMBULATORY SURGERY UNIT (ASU)** REGISTRATION DESK



- Upon arriving to the Ambulatory Surgery Unit, you will check in and receive your patient identification band.
- A staff member will come out to greet you.
- Visitor waiting rooms are not monitored 24/7. Please feel free to use the designated desk phone to call the number displayed if your family has questions.

#### **GUIDELINES**

- 2 support persons allowed in waiting room.
- ONLY 1 support person in preoperative room with patient.
- Support person(s) can rotate from the waiting room to your preoperative room before you go to surgery.
- We highly encourage a responsible adult support person to stay during your surgery and take you home.
- At OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center we are still requiring masks and social distancing while inside the hospital.

### AMBULATORY SURGERY UNIT (ASU)

### In the ambulatory surgery unit the staff will:

Measure your height and weight.
Be assessed by a nurse.
Use preoperative cleansing wipes.
Swab your nose with iodine.
Review and sign your consent.
Start IV.
Review why you are a fall risk.
Meet with your surgeon.
Meet with anesthesia team.
If you are anxious or nervous please tell the anesthesia team at this time.
Place Sequential Compression Device's (SCD's)
The nurse will ask for your support persons phone number to provide updates after the surgery. When it is time for your surgery, a nurse will take you to the operating room. Your support person will be given a tracking number. This will allow your support person to track your progress from the large monitor displays in the surgical family waiting area.

#### ANESTHESIA INFORMATION

#### **General Anesthesia**

General anesthesia puts you into a state like deep sleep. Anesthesia goes into the into the lungs (gas anesthetics), bloodstream (IV anesthetics), or both. You will not feel anything during the procedure. During surgery, the anesthesia provider checks your heart rate and rhythm, blood pressure, breathing, and blood oxygen continuously.

## **Regional Anesthesia**

Regional anesthesia is a method used to temporarily block feeling in one area of the body. There are three types of Regional Anesthesia: Spinal, Epidural, and Peripheral Nerve Block. Regional anesthesia can be used alone or in addition to other types of anesthesia.



Scan the QR code for Introduction to Anesthesia Care

### AFTER YOUR SURGERY

### **RECOVERY ROOM (PACU)**

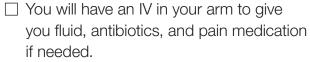
After surgery, you will be taken to the recovery room also known as the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU). In this department the nurses will focus on your vital signs such as heart rate, blood pressure, temperature and breathing patterns. You may have oxygen being given to you. As you start to wake up from the anesthetic, your nurse will address your pain and nausea concerns if needed.

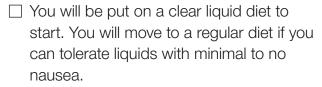
Once you are awake enough, your nurse will encourage you to deep breath and cough. You will be offered ice chips. Your stay in the recovery room can vary anywhere from 20 minutes up to 2 hours. Your recovery room nurse will update your family by either calling or sending them a text message. Once you are ready to leave the recovery room, you will be transferred to a room in our ambulatory surgery center or assigned a bed in an inpatient unit.



### After surgery you will:

You will have your vital signs taken
frequently.





Nursing staff will get you up within	1-2
hours after surgery.	

If your surgeon orders occupational
therapy, you will be taught how to use
assistive devices for activities of daily living.

You may experience side effects from
Anesthesia such as: nausea/vomiting,
lightheadedness/dizziness, urinary
retention, or increased sleepiness.

☐ Ice your ind	cision
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comfort



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## YOU MAY BE READY TO GO HOME IF (continued)

Nursing Goals
<ul><li>□ Vital signs:</li><li>■ Heart rate, blood pressure, temperature, respirations, and oxygen levels are within range.</li></ul>
<ul><li>☐ Minimal to no nausea:</li><li>■ Tolerating your liquids and foods with minimal to no nausea.</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Emptying your bladder (urinating):</li> <li>You will need to urinate within 6-8 hours after surgery. If you have difficulty, we will walk you through what will happen next.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>□ Pain Control:</li> <li>■ Pain is expected after a joint replacement. It is important to know how to manage your pain. Managing your pain can be done with medications in addition to rest and icing surgical site. Know when your next dose of pain medication is available.</li> </ul>
☐ At your follow up appointment, your Provider will discuss your need for physical therapy in your recovery.
<ul><li>☐ Received your discharge paperwork</li><li>■ Know how to take care of your surgical site.</li></ul>
☐ Walking in halls with nursing staff.
☐ Beceived medications/prescriptions if you did not get them before surgery



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## YOU MAY BE READY TO GO HOME IF (continued)

Therapy Goal	
<ul> <li>Your Provider will place an order for a therapist to see you during your hospital stay if it is needed.</li> <li>Not all patients will need therapy prior to discharge from the hospital.</li> </ul>	
You may purchase an assistive device kit from OSF retail pharmacy see page 25 for more details.	



## AFTER DISCHARGE CHECK LIST

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## **AFTER DISCHARGE CHECK LIST**

L	_ Incision Care
	☐ Check your incision AREA every day for signs of infection.
	After the procedure, it is common to have:  Redness, pain, and swelling at the incision area  Stiffness  Discomfort  Small amount of blood or clear fluid coming from your incision
	Check for:  More redness, swelling, or pain Increased drainage (fluid or blood) Warmth Pus or a bad smell Fever higher than 101.4°F If any of these signs are present, call your orthopedic surgeon.
	☐ Follow discharge instructions on surgical dressing care.
	☐ Follow discharge instructions on showering or sponge bathing after surgery.
	□ No baths, pools, hot tubes, outdoor ponds/rivers/lakes/oceans until your health care provider approves.
	<ul> <li>Hand hygiene:</li> <li>Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after you change your dressing. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.</li> </ul>
	☐ Freshly laundered sheets every 2-3 days until surgical site has healed.
	☐ No pets in bed.

Controlling Discomfort
Review your pain regimen.
Non-Medication
non moderation
■ Rest.

#### Medication

There are different medications to take after surgery to help control your discomfort. Each medication acts differently.

■ Ice 3-4 times a day or more often as needed for pain control.

#### Some of these medications are the following:

- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)
- Opioid or Narcotic
  - Follow the directions on how to take your opioid pain medications.
  - You will need to gradually wean yourself off this medication.
  - Take the medication with food to avoid nausea and vomiting.
  - Take a pain pill an hour before physical therapy to minimize pain during your therapy (if needed).

#### **MEDICATION INFORMATION**

Medication Name: Generic name (Brand name)	Purpose Of Medication "This medication is used"	Possible Side Effects: Watch for these			
COMMON PAIN	RGERY				
<ul> <li>☐ Acetaminophen (Tylenol)</li></ul>	To treat mild to moderate pain	<ul> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Drowsiness</li> <li>Increased risk of bleeding or bruising (ibuprofen, ketorolac)</li> </ul>			
<ul><li>☐ Hydrocodone-acetaminophen (Norco)</li><li>☐ Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Roxicodone)</li><li>☐</li></ul>	To treat moderate to severe pain	<ul> <li>Nausea</li> <li>Vomiting</li> <li>Constipation</li> <li>Itching</li> <li>Drowsiness</li> <li>Shortness of breath</li> </ul>			
☐ Cyclobenzaprine (Flexeril)	To relax muscles and treat pain	<ul><li>Dizziness</li><li>Headache</li><li>Drowsiness</li><li>Fatigue</li></ul>			
☐ Gabapentin (Neurontin) ☐ Pregabalin (Lyrica)	To treat nerve pain	Dizziness     Nausea     Drowsiness			
☐ Lidocaine 5% Patch (Lidoderm)	To treat pain in site-specific locations	Irritation at site of use			



If you have received a polar care after your shoulder replacement here are some tips on how to use it! If you did not receive a polar care, ice packs will work just as well!

Scan QR code for more information on Polar Care





Try to watch a movie, read a book, play a game, listen to music or talk to a friend on the phone to help take your mind off the pain.



#### Preventing Blood Clots (deep vein thrombosis)

- ☐ Do interventions to promote blood flow back to your heart
  - Ankle pumps exercises
  - Walk every 1-2 hours

#### **Ankle pumps**

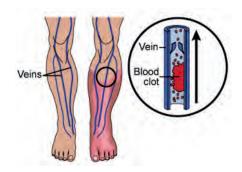
- Ankle pumps can help prevent circulation problems, such as blood clots.
- Do ankle pumps by pointing and flexing your feet.



- ☐ Know the signs and symptoms of a blood clot:
  - Pain
  - Swelling
  - Redness or discoloration in a leg

#### Call 911 if you experience:

- Chest pain
- Trouble breathing
- Fast heartbeat
- Coughing (may cough up blood)
- Sweating
- Fainting
- ☐ If you were taking a blood thinner before surgery, find out when you can resume it.



Scan QR code below for **Deep Vein Thrombosis Video** 



## **Preventing Pneumonia** ■ Poor oral hygiene can increase risk for pneumonia. Atelectasis is a common problem after surgery ☐ What causes atelectasis? ■ Taking medicines, such as sedatives, that decrease the rate of your breathing or how deeply you breathe. ■ Being in bed or lying flat for long periods of time. ☐ How is this treated? Treatment for this condition depends on the cause. Scan QR code below for Treatment may involve: How to Use an Incentive Getting out of bed and walking around. Spirometer Video ■ Couahina. Coughing helps loosen mucus in the airway. Deep breathing exercises. An incentive spirometer is a device that is used to help you take deep breaths. **Preventing Constipation** Anesthetics and narcotic pain medications both can cause constipation. Our goal is to maintain your normal bowel schedule after surgery and to prevent constipation. You can do this by: ☐ Walking ☐ Drink 8-10 glasses of water a day Avoid caffeinated and carbonated beverages ☐ Fiber Intake (foods include): ■ High-fiber cereals ■ Whole grains, bran, and brown rice ■ Vegetables such as carrots, broccoli, and greens ■ Fresh fruits (especially apples, pears, and dried fruits like raisins and apricots) Nuts and legumes (especially beans such as lentils, kidney beans, and lima beans) ☐ Taking stool softeners

Medication Name: Generic name (Brand name)	Purpose Of Medication "This medication is used"	Possible Side Effects: Watch for these				
GASTROINTEST	<b>INAL AND URINARY MEDIC</b>	CATIONS				
<ul> <li>☐ Bisacodyl (Dulcolax)</li> <li>☐ Docusate</li> <li>☐ Polyethylene glycol (Miralax)</li> <li>☐ Senna and docusate (Senokot)</li> <li>☐ Sennosides (Senna)</li> <li>☐</li></ul>	To treat and prevent constipation	Nausea  • Cramping • Gas • Diarrhea				

#### DISCHARGE PLANNING AFTER ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

### It is very important that you have a clear discharge plan prior to your surgery.

Speak with your surgeon about their recommendations for your discharge plan whether it is home with outpatient therapy services or home with no therapy services. Some patients discharge the same day as surgery or stay one overnight in the hospital. Please be prepared to have someone available to take you home from the hospital.

#### **HOME WITH THERAPY SERVICES**

Your surgeon may order you in home physical therapy/nursing, outpatient physical, or no therapy at discharge. Home healthcare physical therapy comes out to the home 2-3 times a week for about one hour maximum. If ordered, a case manager will make a referral to whichever home health care agency you prefer.

#### TAKING CARE OF A LOVED ONE

If you take care of a loved one, you will need help caring for them after surgery.

Additional services can be provided for support at home but may require out of pocket costs. Please contact an OSF HealthCare case manager for assistance.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Case management will assist in arranging transportation to the nursing facility or home if needed.

If medically necessary, an ambulance can be arranged. Typically the ambulance should be covered in part or totally by insurance if local, but there is not a guarantee of this.

The other option is arranging for a wheelchair van. Medicare will not pay for this and insurance usually does not cover transportation in a wheelchair van. You will be billed a set fee along with mileage.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### **Travel and Security**

When going through security at the airport or at a building with a metal detector, let them know you have had shoulder surgery.

#### When can I go back to work?

Ask your surgeon about this.

- If your job involves heavy, physical work, talk to your surgeon
- Ask your employer if there are any rules about when you can return to work
- If you need a return-to-work form or disability papers, bring them to your follow-up appointment or fax them to your surgeon's office

#### **Driving**

- Your orthopedic surgeon clears you
- You are not taking narcotic pain medication

### When can I stop wearing my sling?

- Wear the sling as told by your health care provider. Remove it only as told by your health care provider.
- Check the skin around your sling every day. Tell your health care provider about any concerns.
- Loosen the sling if your fingers tingle, become numb, or turn cold and blue.
- Keep the sling clean and dry.

#### DISCHARGE MEDICATION DELIVERY SERVICE

#### PRESCRIPTIONS DELIVERED TO YOUR BEDSIDE

Filling prescriptions after a hospital stay can be hard. Let OSF HealthCare Pharmacy at OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony take the hassle out of getting your new prescriptions filled with the bedside delivery program. Ask your nurse about bedside delivery.

#### **Payment**

- Your co-payment will be collected at time of prescription delivery. Co-pay transactions will be completed at the time of delivery.
- Prescriptions filled upon discharge cannot be added to your bill.

#### Where is OSF HealthCare Pharmacy?

 The pharmacy is located on the main floor of the North Tower.

#### **After hours**

• The OSF HealthCare Pharmacy is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. If you are being discharged after business hours, the nurse can print off your discharge prescriptions for you to take to the pharmacy of your choice.

## Ask us about our assistive device kits! (815) 395-6010



Some medications can be expensive. Check with our retail pharmacy to see if there are any coupons available.

#### DOING OUR PART TO SOLVE THE OPIOID CRISIS

OSF HealthCare is leading the way to reduce the misuse of prescription medications. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says the United States is seeing an epidemic of drug overdose deaths. Since 2000 the rate of deaths from drug overdoses has gone up 137%. This includes a 200% increase in the rate of overdose deaths with opioids. To help, OSF HealthCare has installed a safe and secure disposal box in the foyer of the main entrance. This is one way to make sure medications are not misused.



#### LEFTOVER MEDICATIONS AFTER SURGERY

#### **Bring Them Back**

- ♦ Anyone can drop off prescription or over the counter medications at anytime.
- ♦ The medications can be left in the prescription bottle.
- Please do not place these in the bin:
  - Needles/sharps
  - Liquids, lotions or ointments
  - Inhalers

- Aerosol cans
- IV bags or tubes
- Thermometers

## **EXERCISES FOR SHOULDER FLEXIBILITY**

#### **PENDULUM EXERCISE**

Here are the steps for the pendulum exercise:

- Lean over with your good arm supported on a table or chair.
- Relax the arm on the painful side, letting it hang straight down.
- Slowly begin to swing the relaxed arm. Move it in a small circle, gradually making it bigger if you can. Then reverse the direction. Next, move it backward and forward. Finally, move it side to side.



Note: Spend about 5 minutes doing the exercise, 3 times a day. Change direction after 1 minute of motion.

## POST DISCHARGE CALENDAR CHECKLIST

	Day 1/Date: Day 2/Da		/Date:	Day 3/Date:		Day 4/Date:		Day 5/Date:		Day 6/Date:		Day 7/Date:		
PAIN On a scale of 0 to 10	At rest:		At rest:		At rest:		At rest:		At rest:		At rest:		At rest:	
0 being no pain and 10 being the worst pain.	With Activity:		With Activity:		With Activity:		With Activity:		With Activity:		With Activity:		With Activity:	
MOBILIZE Short walks ten times per day; for example a walk to the bathroom or to the kitchen. Check box when completed.														
ICE Check box when completed.														
BREATHING Use the incentive Spirometer as told by the nurse. (Ten times per hour, while awake) Check box when completed.														
Check <b>blood pressure</b> (if on BP medication)	BP:	1	BP:		BP: /		BP:		BP:		BP:		BP: /	
Check <b>blood sugars</b> (if diabetic)		Blood Sugar:		Blood Sugar:		Blood Sugar:		Blood Sugar:		Blood Sugar:		Blood Sugar:		
Follow up appointment with surgeon														
Physical Therapy sessions														

## POST DISCHARGE CALENDAR CHECKLIST

	Day 8/Date:	Day 9/Date:	Day 10/Date:	Day 11/Date:	Day 12/Date:	Day 13/Date:	Day 14/Date:
PAIN	At rest:						
On a scale of 0 to 10							
0 being no pain and 10 being the worst pain.	With Activity:						
MOBILIZE Short walks ten times per day; for example a walk to the bathroom or to the kitchen. Check box when completed.							
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