

SEDATION

- The majority of patients have only local anesthesia. In some cases sedation is used.
- If you received sedation, the medication is still in your system. Therefore, we would like you to take it easy for the rest of the day (do not drive and avoid drinking alcohol).

ACTIVITY

- You may resume your regular activities.
- No strenuous activity or lifting heavy objects for the next 7 days.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

- For minor discomfort, you may take over the counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil.

CARE OF YOUR INCISION AFTER YOUR DEVICE IS REMOVED

(Check One) port pheresis dialysis catheter

Your incision is held together by sterile paper strips. Keep the dressing dry for the first two days. Starting on the third day, you may shower after removing the dressing. Do not remove the paper strips but allow them to fall off on their own. No dressing is needed.

Your incision is held together by SUTURES. Keep the dressing dry for the first 2 days. Starting on the third day, you may shower after removing the dressing. Apply a dry sterile dressing to the incision each day until the sutures are removed. Return to Ellison 2 Holding Area in 7-10 days for suture removal (No appointment is needed), or you can have your own physician remove them.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN

- Fever and chills.
- Severe pain.
- Bleeding, drainage, redness or swelling at or around the incision.

Call your physician or Vascular Nurse Practitioner at **(617) 726-8314**. When calling after 4pm and weekends call **(617) 726-8314** and follow telephone instructions.



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