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Diplomate, American Board of Neurological Surgery
Fellowship Trained, Complex Spine Surgery
Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery
Artificial Disc Replacement
Stereotactic Radiosurgery
General Neurosurgery

Your Neurosurgeon was: Dr. Scott P Leary

<u>Your Diet is</u>: Soft Foods (I.e., soups, pastas) until soreness resolves, then may advance diet at tolerated.

Wound/Skin Care:

- We placed a skin glue called Dermabond on your incision.
- You may leave your wound open to air at all times. No dressing is needed.
- Please wash your wound daily with soap and water starting tomorrow.
- Do not submerge or soak your wound x 4 weeks.
- Avoid placing any ointments to wound x 4 weeks.

For muscle spasms: Flexeril/Zanaflex

- Leave this Dermabond in place for at least two weeks.
- · You do not have any sutures that need to be removed.

Ac	<u>vivity</u> Limitations are as follows:
	Walk more than 6x / day: it will help you recover faster and may help prevent blood clots in your legs.
	Wear your LUMBAR Corset at all times when not in bed or sitting in a
	chair.
	Avoid extreme or repetitive range of motion to your back to allow your surgery to heal.
	No Lift/Carry anything over 10 pounds.
	NO strenuous actively /No Active exercise/ No contact sports until you are told to do by our office in your follow up appointment.
	☑ You may not work or Drive while taking Narcotic pain medications
	and until you are cleared to do so by our office.
	No bathtub, hot tub, Jacuzzi, swimming pool or ocean activity for 6
	weeks due to your risk for further injury
	□ Do not drink alcohol while taking narcotic pain medications: May call 211 for San Diego Alcohol cessation resources if needed.
	☑ Do not smoke cigarettes, cigars, Vape, or Marijuana until your graft has healed (up to one year). May call 1-(800) No Butts for cessation resource.
Dis	charge Medications:
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	May restart <u>all</u> your home medications.
	□ Do not restart the following medications:
	Do not use Aspirin / Motrin / Ibuprofen / until released to do so.
	For mild/moderate pain please use:
	Over the counter Tylenol (acetaminophen) Extra Strength. Please take 2
	tabs (1000mg) by mouth every 6 hours for two weeks.
	☑ For severe Pain: Oxycodone/Tramadol
	☐ Please <i>stop</i> all Narcotic pain meds as quickly as possible and destroy



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weeks.
See Medication information for all New Medication Prescribed upon discharge
No medication refills will be approved over the phone. You must follow up with
our office in person for any medication refill.
For Constipation: May use over the counter Colace / Sennikot / MOM / Miralax
/ Lactulose per bottle directions.
For all medications, please refer to attached medication information regarding
purpose, expected effects, and potential side effects. We encourage you to call
our office if you have questions or concerns regarding any of your new
medications (858) 824-5001.

For Nerve pain: start Gabapentin 100mg by mouth every 8 hours for two

Follow up Care:

Please come to our office for your first follow up appointment in 2 weeks. We will call you with your follow up appointment time.

- You can also call our office at any time to schedule your appointment at (858) 223-2100.
- ☑ Please Call Our office at (858) 223-2100 to report any new/un-evaluated symptoms.
- Please see your Primary Care Doctor in 1 month to update of medical history.

Emergency Symptoms you should look out for at home include:

Please call 911 and go to the nearest Emergency Department for: [X] New/uncontrolled chest pain [X] Shortness of Breath [X] Difficulty Breathing Please call (858) 223-2100 OR return to the Emergency Department immediately for any of the following: [X] Fever over 102.0 [X] Nausea/Vomiting [X] New Bleeding or Drainage [X] Any new or uncontrolled Pain [X] Constipation/Diarrhea [X] Dizziness/lightheadedness [X] change in vision [X] Inability to walk and/or other symptoms.