



## POSTOPERATIVE ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

- Wound care instructions
  - Leave the dressing in place for 24 hours. Afterwards, cleanse the site with soap and water and pat dry. You may shower but not soak the wound in a tub or pool. You may cover area with bandage.
- You may experience slight bruising and tenderness/soreness at the site.
- If you develop a dark color, hardened area at the **site**, call our office.
- If you develop new onset of **pain, numbness** or tingling or notice • color change in the leg or foot, please call the office. Do not eat or drink anything, as you may need to go to the hospital for surgery.
- If you develop bleeding from the puncture site, lie down and hold direct, firm pressure to **the site and call 911 or have someone drive you to the nearest emergency room.**
- Activity
  - No strenuous activity, pushing, pulling, or lifting for 2 weeks.
  - Do not drive for 72 hours. Do not operate machinery or make any significant personal or business decisions the day of your procedure.
- Medications.
  - Resume your home medications unless otherwise instructed.
  - If you take Glucophage, metformin, glucovance or **avandamet, please** hold them for 48 hours after the procedure.
  - You may have a new prescription for Plavix (clopidogrel)
- Diet.
  - Resume your home diet unless otherwise instructed. It is very important to maintain hydration after your procedure. Drink plenty of water for the next 48 hours.
- **Other:**
  - **If you develop difficulty breathing, uncontrolled pain, nausea/vomiting, fever or change in the wound, please call our office or go to the emergency room.**
- Follow up is typically 4-6 weeks after surgery with an ultrasound. Please call the office if you do not have an appointment already scheduled.