

Patient Post-Operative Care Information

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Additional Patient Care Advice

Breast Augmentation

Following your planned discharge, please ensure the following are adhered to, in order to optimise the healing process, unless otherwise instructed to by VVR

- Absolute rest for 2 weeks – caring for yourself only
- A 2 - 4 week recovery period is expected
- Sit and sleep propped upright (advice -extra pillows)
- No lifting, stretching, pulling or pushing – keeping arms close to body e.g no housework or lifting children
- No driving for 2 weeks
- Supplied supportive bra to be worn for 6 weeks day and night – remove only when showering
- Use your usual non scented shower gel / soap, wash yourself including your breasts and surgical glue.
- Pat dry with clean towel, moisturise all breast area, reapply bra.
- It is expected that you will attend a follow-up appointment after 1 week post operation for check-up with a nurse
- It is anticipated that during a follow-up appointment 2nd week post operation with VVR, breast examined and surgical glue removed and advice provided.**
- Continue wearing bra
- No driving
- Sit / sleep propped upright when resting / sleeping
- Showering – continue to wash / pat dry / moisturise breasts gently, reapply bra
- Continue to not undertake any strenuous upper body activity including housework – maintain gentle mobility
- It is anticipated a follow-up consultation with VVR is carried 4 weeks post-op

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- It may be advised that gentle increased activities may occur

6 weeks post- op:

- Hospital supportive bra is replaced by a patients sports bra
- No bra's with underwire to be worn for 12 weeks
- It is anticipated that normal activity is resumed, including swimming and gym work
- Timeframes on returning work / resuming normal activities will be re - confirmed once reviews have taken place**
- AVOID SUN EXPOSURE FOR 1st YEAR**