POST-OPERATIVE CARE AFTER PITUITARY TUMOR SURGERY

This is what to expect after surgery and information regarding follow-up appointments.

AFTER CRANIOTOMY:
• Most patients will spend one night in the intensive care unit (ICU) and then typically one or two additional nights on a regular (non-ICU) ward.
• You will likely have some incisional pain and mild to moderate headache for which you will be given pain medication.
• You may have a CT scan or MRI before your discharge home.
• Your first follow-up appointment with your neurosurgeon will be 1-2 weeks after surgery.
• Your 2nd follow-up appointment with your neurosurgeon will typically be 2 - 3 months after surgery.
• Additional follow-up appointments with other specialists will be arranged as needed.
• Also see Discharge Instructions After Craniotomy.

AFTER ENDONASAL TRANSSPHENOIDAL SURGERY:
• Most patients will spend one to two nights on a regular (non-ICU) ward.
• You will typically have some incisional pain if you had an abdominal fat graft taken and mild to moderate headache for which you will be given pain medication; nasal congestion and some bloody nasal drainage is also common.
• You may have a CT scan or MRI before your discharge home.
• Your first follow-up appointment with your neurosurgeon will be 1-2 weeks after surgery.
• Your 2nd follow-up appointment with your neurosurgeon will typically be 2 - 3 months after surgery.
• Additional follow-up appointments with other specialists will be arranged as needed.
• Also see Discharge Instructions After Endonasal Surgery.

For additional information, please visit our website below, or contact our office at 310-582-7450.

Thank you.