

# Post-Operative Instructions for Lower Extremity Fracture Repair

**Diagnosis:** Lower extremity fracture

### Activity:

- Non-Weight Bearing Status on the Operative Extremity until follow-up appointment.
- Ambulate with crutches.
- On Post Operative Day #1 Patient may begin range of motion exercises to toes (Full Flexion & Full Extension for 15 minutes, 5 times a day).

#### Dressings:

- Dressings and splint are not to be removed for any reason until follow-up appointment in 10-14 days!
- Swelling in extremity is common. Elevate and apply ice to extremity until swelling resolves.
- Do not submerge splint/cast in water. Do not allow splint/cast material to become wet.
- Observe for any signs of infection, and report it immediately to our office!

## Allergies: No data for Allergies

#### **Medications:**

- Resume home medications as listed on Home Medication Form.
- Pain medications will be prescribed at discharge.

**Follow-Up:** 10-14 day follow up appointment will be given at discharge.

Please call the office with any questions or concerns.

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