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**MEDICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

* **Pain Medication**: Your post-operative comfort is very important to Dr. Follmar. If these recommendations are not adequately controlling your discomfort, please call the office immediately for individualized instructions.
	+ You were given 600mg of Ibuprofen immediately following your surgery. It is recommended to continue to take 400-600mg of Ibuprofen every 6 hours as needed for pain.
		- Ibuprofen is sold over the counter and is also sold under the brand names Advil and Motrin.
		- Over the counter dosing of Ibuprofen is in 200mg tablets. Take 2-3 tablets every 6 hours to total the recommended 400-600mg
		- Ibuprofen can cause stomach upset and rarely gastric bleeding, for this reason it is recommended to have a small meal before taking it. Half a glass of milk, a milkshake, or other dairy product would be a recommendation for this. Please remember not to use a straw.
	+ When a patient’s procedure is expected to cause more post-operative discomfort, a narcotic pain medication is often prescribed.
		- The most commonly prescribed narcotic pain medications include Acetaminophen with Hydrocodone (Norco/Vicodin) and Acetaminophen with Codiene (Tylenol #3).
		- Both of the above listed medications are taken every 4 hours unless otherwise instructed.
		- Narcotic pain medications are very strong and can cause side effects for some patient. These adverse reactions include nausea, vomiting, skin rash, and disorientation. If you have never had a narcotic pain medication, it is a good idea to take ½ pill at first, then take the second ½ pill in 2 hours, not to exceed an average of one pill every 4 hours.
		- It is OK, and actually recommended to continue taking the above regimen of Ibuprofen in conjunction with your narcotic pain medication unless specifically instructed not to by Dr. Follmar.
		- For most patients Ibuprophen adequately controls discomfort after the first night and narcotic pain medications are no longer required.
* **Antibiotics**
	+ Not all procedures require antibiotics. Quite often the risk of adverse reaction from antibiotics is greater than the risk of infection.
	+ If Dr. Follmar does prescribe you antibiotics, please take as directed on the bottle.
	+ Female patients taking oral contraceptives (birth control pills) should be aware that antibiotics can render these contraceptives less effective and increase the chance of pregnancy.
	+ Adverse reactions from antibiotics include minor skin rash and stomach upset, and diarrhea, please call the office for instructions immediately if either of these occur. Very rarely, patients can have a severe allergic reaction, called anaphylaxis, causing difficulty breathing, this is a medical emergency that warrants an immediate call to 911.