

Fox Valley Plastic Surgery SC
Post Pellet Instructions FEMALE

- Your insertion site has been covered with two layers of bandages. Remove the outer pressure bandage any time after 3 to 4 hours. It **must** be removed as soon as it gets wet. You may replace it with a bandage to catch any anesthetic that may ooze out. The inner layer is either waterproof foam tape or steri-strips. They should be removed in **3 days**. If the tape or steri-strip comes off you may replace it with a band-aid.
- Do not take tub baths or get into a hot tub or swimming pool for **3 days**. You may shower but do not scrub the site until the incision is well healed (about 7 days).
- No major exercises for the incision area for the next **4 days**, this includes running, riding a horse, etc.
- The sodium bicarbonate in the anesthetic may cause the site to swell for 1-3 days. This is normal.
- The insertion site may be uncomfortable for up to 2 to 3 weeks. If there is itching or redness you may take Benadryl for relief, 50 mg. orally every 6 hours. Caution this can cause drowsiness!
- You may experience bruising, swelling, and/or redness of the insertion site which may last from a few days up to 2 to 3 weeks.
- You may notice some pinkish or bloody discoloration of the outer bandage. This is normal.
- If you experience bleeding from the incision, apply firm pressure for 5 minutes.
- Please call 920-233-1540 if you have any bleeding (not oozing) or pus coming out of the insertion site that is not relieved by pressure.

REMINDERS New patients - VERY Important!

- Please schedule for your post-insertion blood work 4 weeks after your initial pellet insertion.
- You will be notified by a provider if there are any concerns with your post insertion lab work. If you have any questions or concerns with your treatment, please contact the office.
- On average, females need pellet insertions every **3-4 months** after their initial insertion.
- Please call 920-233-1540 to make an appointment for a re-insertion as soon as symptoms that were relieved from the pellets start to return. The charge for the second and consecutive visits will be only for the insertion and not a consultation.