

## PRE-SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS: BREAST AUGMENTATION AND BREAST IMPLANTS

Use this as a general guide in your preparation for breast augmentation in Montreal. Remember Dr Chen Lee's specific instructions supersede these general guidelines. Be sure you follow Dr Chen Lee's instructions. This is essential for your health and safety.

### THREE WEEKS OR MORE BEFORE SURGERY

There may be several weeks between your decision to have surgery and your actual surgical date. During this time, there are several important considerations:

**Practice proper fitness.** You need not engage an aggressive or new fitness routine; however practicing good fitness habits is an important factor in your overall health and well-being. Upper body stretches and low-weight strength training now, can help to enhance your posture and your strength in the weeks following surgery.

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**Good nutrition:** Eat well during the weeks prior to surgery. Crash dieting, over-eating or high alcohol intake can greatly affect your overall health and well-being. A healthy, balanced diet is essential. Also, begin taking the following supplements daily:

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**Stop smoking:** Smoking can greatly impair your ability to heal. You must be nicotine and smoke-free for at least 4 weeks prior to surgery. You must also be free of any nicotine patch or nicotine-based products for a minimum of 4 weeks prior to surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lead a healthy lifestyle.** In the weeks prior to surgery maintain the best of health and hygiene. A lingering cold, virus or other illness can result in your surgery being rescheduled. Make certain to address any illness immediately, and advise our office of any serious illness or change in your health.

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**Prepare and plan:** Schedule any time off of work, and any support you will need at home in the days following surgery, including housework, childcare, shopping and driving. Make certain a responsible adult is confirmed to drive you to and from surgery, and that someone is confirmed available to stay with you around the clock for at least 24 hours following surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pre-operative testing:** Make certain to schedule all of the pre-operative testing and clearance you have been given. Refer to the *Pre-surgical Lab and Testing Orders* form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Make certain all test results are received by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ as required

**Relax and enjoy life.** Stress and anxiety over life's daily events, and even your planned surgery can affect you. While some anxiety is common, any serious stress, or distress over the thought of surgery is something you must discuss with our office. We are here to support you and answer all of your questions. We want your decision to be one of confidence.

**TWO TO THREE WEEKS BEFORE SURGERY**

This is an important planning and preparation time. Follow all of the good health habits you have begun in addition to the following:

**Prepare and plan:** Put your schedule together for the day before, day of and first few days following surgery. Share this with all of your key support people.

**Shop for your post surgery bra:**

- no under wires
- elastic cotton or other breathable unpadded fabric with good full-cup coverage and support
- wide, well-balanced shoulder straps and wide supportive band across the back and beneath the breasts
- front-closure, if possible

cup and band size (this may be somewhat larger than discussed with Dr. ( ) to accommodate any post-surgery swelling

Note: You may wish to purchase more than one bra, for laundering. Don't make this an expensive purchase since you will likely only be wearing this bra for 4-6 weeks.

**Fill your prescriptions:** Some pain medication prescriptions may need to be filled ON THE DAY these prescriptions are written. Our office will advise you accordingly. Your prescriptions include:

Antibiotic	_____	mg	_____	x per day
Pain medication	_____	mg	_____	x per day
Muscle Relaxant	_____	mg	_____	x per day
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____
Supplements	_____	_____	_____	_____

**STOP taking the following for the duration before your surgery. Taking any of the following can increase your risk of bleeding and other complications:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin and medications containing aspirin | <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Supplements              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen and anti-inflammatory agents     | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Tea or green tea extracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vitamin E                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Estrogen supplements            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> St. John's Wort                            | <input type="checkbox"/> All other medications indicated |

**Pre-operative clearance and information:** Make certain to undergo **ALL** pre-operative testing. Refer to the **Pre-surgical Lab and Testing Orders** form. Make certain all test results are received by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ as required. If medical clearance is required and not yet received, surgery may be cancelled at **your cost**.

**Vital information:** A pre-operative visit or call is essential to review your health, your goals, and any vital information including allergies and health considerations.

Your pre-operative (visit)(call) is scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fitness:** Don't over-do it. Avoid anything strenuous or that could potentially cause injury to your shoulders, back, pectoral muscles, arms or upper body.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Good nutrition:** Continue taking your supplements as directed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO SMOKING:** Stay away from second-hand smoke, too. Your healing and health depend heavily on this.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lead a healthy lifestyle:** Practice good hand-washing and avoid large crowds, or individuals who are ill. Do not risk catching a virus or cold: no kissing on the mouth, sharing beverages or other high risk opportunities for contacting viral or other illnesses.

### ONE WEEK BEFORE SURGERY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirm your day of surgery plans.** This includes your transportation and after-care (a responsible adult for the first 24 hours, around the clock).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Review your prescription orders and instructions.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Review your Silicone Breast Implant Registry information, and complete all necessary forms.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Purchase Polysporin or other ointment as recommended and a supply of 4x4 gauze pads.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirm all lab results and paperwork** have been received by Dr \_\_\_\_\_ if you have not already done so.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Continue to practice healthy habits,** nutrition and fitness. No strenuous exercise. No saunas, hot tubs, steam baths or mud wraps. **No smoking or alcohol.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Find your comfort zone.** Locate the most comfortable place where you can gently recline and recover. You don't want to be testing locations or pillows the day of surgery. Shop for magazines, books and other things to keep you busy and entertained during the day or two following surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wax or shave your underarm region.** It may be uncomfortable to do so in the days immediately after surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Relax.** Call our office with any unusual anxiety or concerns. Get plenty of rest. If you have trouble sleeping, call our office.

### ONE DAY BEFORE SURGERY

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pack your bag for the day of surgery.** This should include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All paperwork                | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm, clean cotton socks   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your identification          | <input type="checkbox"/> Saltines or other crackers in case of nausea during your ride home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> All prescription medications | <input type="checkbox"/> Post surgical bra  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading glasses              |   |

\_\_\_\_\_ **Expect a pre-anesthesia call to review your state of health and anesthesia for surgery.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirm your route to and from surgery, with the responsible adult who will drive you.** Also confirm plans with your 24-hour support person and make certain he or she has all of your post-operative instructions.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Shower as directed.** Use an anti-bacterial, fragrance-free soap. Shampoo your hair. Do not use any scented skin creams or moisturizers. Do not use any deodorant, hair spray, perfume or cosmetics. Remove all finger nail and toe nail polish.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Do not eat or drink anything after 12 pm.** Anything more than a small amount of water as needed for brushing teeth or swallowing medication may result in the need to cancel surgery. This includes candy, gum, and mints.

\_\_\_\_\_ **RELAX!** Get plenty of rest and avoid unnecessary stress.

## THE DAY OF SURGERY

\_\_\_\_\_ **NOTHING by mouth:** Anything more than a small amount of water as needed for brushing teeth or swallowing medication may result in the need to cancel surgery. This includes candy, gum, mints.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Dress appropriately.**

- **Do not wear cosmetics, jewelry of any kind, contact lenses, hair clips, body piercing:**. (If there is something you cannot remove, let the admitting nurse know right away.)
- **Wear comfortable, clean, loose-fitting clothing.** Wear only a top that zips or buttons up the front. Do not wear pullovers, turtlenecks, or any tight-fitting top or bottom. You may wear a robe. Wear slip on shoes. Wear clean cotton socks, as the operating room can feel cool.