# **CONSENT FOR FAT TRANSFER/INJECTIONS**

Fat injections have been used for decades to add volume using a patient's own tissue as a donor source. Fat has been used successfully in many parts of the body including the face, breast, torso, buttocks, and extremities. While increased volume is the typical goal. Fat has also been shown to improve tissue that has been injured by radiation, and even provide anti-aging effects to the skin.

While fat transfer has been a wonderful workhorse in the field of plastic surgery, it does have some limitations. Typically, a significant portion of the fat will resorb over the several months after placement until a final placement amount has reached a steady state. This can vary between patients, with younger and thinner patients having superior results to elderly or significantly overweight patients. In general, you can expect approximately 20-30% final take in the final take in the face, 50% take in the body and breast, and up to 80% if pre-treating the breast with BRAVA device for pre-expansion.

The fat can also continue to change in size with weight fluctuations, just like the rest of the fat on your body. The final results can also be inexact, and fillers may be needed fine-tune the results in the face. Fillers are also more appropriate for some areas such as commissures (corners of the mouth), lip lines, and templates. Some fillers also have superior lifting ability to the tissue because their stiffness, as opposed to the soft results that fat provides.

Fat injections used in the breast can only be expected to achieve about one half to one cup size in volume, but can also be used just in selective areas like the upper pole of the breast for improved shape without a significant increase in size. The minority of patients are excellent candidates for fat injections to the breast, so many still prefer the use of implants.

Because of mammographic changes associated with fat injections, and the inherent risk of breast cancer in all women, a baseline mammogram is required for all patients 35 and over. A baseline ultrasound or MRI may also be indicated based on a patient's medical and family history. There is an increased chance of needing a biopsy to determine the nature of palpable or radiographic abnormalities that might occur after fat transfer.

Fat injections can always be repeated to maximize results, but caution should be used in young patients who may go on to gain weight as they age. While this might be great in some instances, it can also be a problem if it results in an overcorrected look.

Patients need to have adequate donor sites of fat for the procedure they are considering. While the "donor defect" of less fullness is often very advantageous to most patients, there can be contour irregularities left in the donor areas because of the harvest of fat. This is typically a risk for thin patients who may not have enough fat to donate.

Additional risks can include bleeding, bruising, palpable or visible irregularities, infection, scarring, and over or under-correction.

### Patient Compliance:

Follow all physician instructions carefully; this is essential for the success of your outcome. It is important that the surgical incisions are <u>not</u> subjected to excessive force, swelling, abrasion, or motion during the time of healing. Personal and vocational activities must be restricted. Protective dressings and drains should <u>not</u> be removed unless instructed by your plastic surgeon. Successful post-operative results depend on both surgery and subsequent care. Physical activity that increases your pulse or heart rate may cause bruising, swelling, fluid accumulation around implants and the need for return to surgery. It is wise to refrain from intimate physical activities after surgery until your physician states it is safe. It is important that you participate in follow-up care, return for aftercare, and promote your recovery after surgery.

### **DISCLAIMER**

Informed-consent documents are used to communicate information about the proposed surgical treatment of a disease or condition along with disclosure of risks and alternative forms of treatment(s), including no surgery. The informed-consent process attempts to define principles of risk disclosure that should generally meet the needs of most patients in most circumstances.

However, informed-consent documents should not be considered all inclusive in defining other methods of care and risks encountered. Your plastic surgeon may provide you with additional or different information that is based on all the facts in your particular case and the current state of medical knowledge.

Informed-consent documents are not intended to define or serve as the standard of medical care. Standards of medical care are determined on the basis of all of the facts involved in an individual case and are subject to change as scientific knowledge and technology advance and as practice patterns evolve.

# It is important that you read the above information carefully and have all of your questions answered before signing the following consent.

Medicine is not an exact science, so no guarantees can be made regarding complications or outcome. We do everything possible to ensure your safety, and strive for the best result in every case. We hope that you will also do your part by following your post-operative instructions, using good judgment and letting us know if there are any problems.

Please ask any questions you may have regarding the surgery or potential risks prior to signing this form. Your signature means that you have had a chance to read and discuss the common risks associated with skin graft surgery, and that you agree to proceed. A separate consent form from the hospital will also need to be signed for the medical record.

## I CONSENT TO THE TREATMENT OF A FAT TRANSFER/INJECTIONS SURGERY. I HAVE READ THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS. I AM SATISFIED WITH THE INFORMED CONSENT PROCESS

Patient or Person Authorized to Sign for Patient

Date

Witness

Date

# **Pre-Operative Instructions – General**

The following instructions should be followed closely except when overruled by specific procedural instructions.

# 2 Weeks Prior to Surgery

- 1. NO ASPIRIN or medicines that contain aspirin\* since it interferes with normal blood clotting.
- 2. NO IBUPROFEN or medicines contain ibuprofen\* as it interferes with blood clotting.
- 3. Please DISCONTINUE ALL HERBAL MEDICATIONS\* as many have side effects that could complicate a surgical procedure by inhibiting blood clotting, affecting blood pressure, or interfering with anesthetics.
- 4. Please DISCONTINUE ALL DIET PILLS whether prescription, over-the-counter or herbal as many will interfere with anesthesia and can cause cardiovascular concerns.
- 5. NO "MEGADOSES" OF VITAMIN E, but a multiple vitamin that contains E is just fine.
- 6. NO SMOKING because nicotine reduces blood flow to the skin and can cause significant complications during healing.
- 7. You may take Tylenol or generic forms of this drug. These do not interfere with blood clotting or healing.
- 8. Start taking a multivitamin each day and continue taking through your recovery. The healthier you are, the quicker your recovery will be.

(\* See Medications to Avoid for a detailed list.)

# **One Week Prior to Surgery**

- 9. DO NOT take or drink any alcohol or drugs for one week prior to surgery and one week after surgery as these can interfere with anesthesia and affect blood clotting.
- 10. If your skin tolerates, use a germ-inhibiting soap for bathing, such as Dial, Safeguard, or Lever 2000 for at least the week before surgery.
- 11. DO report any signs of cold, infection, boils, or pustules appearing before surgery.
- 12. DO NOT take any cough or cold medications without permission.
- 13. DO arrange for a responsible adult to drive you to and from the facility on the day of surgery, since you will not be allowed to leave on your own.

14. DO arrange for a responsible individual to spend the first 24 hours with you, since you CANNOT be left alone.

# Night Before Surgery & Morning of Surgery

- 15. DO NOT eat or drink anything (not even water) after midnight the night before your surgery. Also, no gum, candy, mints or coffee the morning of surgery. Do not sneak anything as this may endanger you.
- 16. If you are on regular medications, please clear these with Dr. «Procedure Surgeon Last».
- 17. DO take a thorough shower with your germ-inhibiting soap the night before and the morning of surgery. Shampoo your hair the morning of surgery. This is to decrease the bacteria on the skin and thereby decrease the risk of infection.
- 18. DO NOT apply any of the following to your skin, hair or face the morning of surgery: makeup, creams, lotions, hair gels, sprays, perfumes, powder, or deodorant. Using any of these products will add bacteria to the skin and increase the risk of infection.
- 19. You may brush your teeth the morning of surgery but do not drink anything.
- 20. DO NOT wear contacts to surgery. If you do wear glasses, bring your eyeglass case.
- 21. DO wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothes that do not have to be put on over your head. The best thing to wear home is a button-up top and pull on pants. You will want easy-to-slip-on flat shoes.
- 22. DO NOT bring any valuables or wear any jewelry (no rings, earrings, chains, toe rings, other metal piercings or watches). We will need to tape wedding rings if worn.
- 23. You must have an adult drive for you to and from surgery. Please note that a cab or bus driver will not be allowed to take you home after surgery. On arrival, be sure we know your driver's name, phone numbers, and how we will be able to reach them.
- 24. If you are not recovering at home, it is very important that we have the number where you will be after surgery.

# **Post-Operative Instructions – General**

The following instructions should be followed closely except when overruled by specific procedural instructions. You must follow your surgeon's instructions as indicated for your specific surgery. Notify «Doctor\_Last\_Name» of any unusual changes in your condition and feel free to call the office with any questions.

- 1. You MUST HAVE AN ADULT DRIVE YOU home from the facility. You will not be allowed to drive yourself or use public transportation.
- 2. After surgery you MUST HAVE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT STAY WITH YOU a minimum of 24 hours. You CANNOT be left alone. The 24 hours begin when you are discharged from the office or hospital. Have everything ready at home PRIOR to surgery. Make arrangements for someone to stay with you. Let the person or persons know you cannot be left alone. This is important because of the danger of falling and you may lose the concept of time for the day and overmedicate yourself.
- 3. The effects of anesthesia can persist for 24 hours. You must exercise extreme caution before engaging in any activity that could be harmful to yourself or others.
- 4. DRINK fluids to help rid the body of the drugs used in surgery. If you have straws in the house you will tend to drink more fluids the first few days after surgery.
- 5. Diet may be as tolerated. Eating foods that are bland and soft for the first day or so foods like after you have had the flu may be best tolerated. You must eat more than crackers and juice, otherwise you will continue to feel weak and will not heal as well. REMEMBER to take the medications with a little something to eat or you will get sick to your stomach.
- 6. Please avoid the use of alcoholic beverages for the first 24 hours (it dilates blood vessels and can cause unwanted bleeding) and as long as pain medications are being used (dangerous combination).
- 7. Take only medications that have been prescribed by Dr. for your postoperative care and take them according to the instruction on the bottle. Your pain medication may make you feel "spacey"; therefore, have someone else give you your medications according to the proper time intervals.
- 8. If you experience any generalized itching, rash, wheezing or tightness in the throat, stop taking all medications and call the office immediately, as this may be a sign of a drug allergy.
- 9. You can expect moderate discomfort, which should be helped by the pain medications. The greatest discomfort is usually during the first 24 hours. Thereafter, you will find that you require less pain medication.
- 10. Call (303) 321-6608 if you have: SEVERE PAIN not responding to pain medication; Swelling that is greater on one side than the other; incisions that are RED OR FEVERISH; a FEVER; or if any other questions or problems arise.
- 11. Keep any DRESSINGS ON, CLEAN AND DRY until cleared for showering. Do not remove them until instructed to do so. There may be some bloody drainage on the dressings. If you have excessive bleeding or the bandages are too tight, call the office immediately.
- 12. After surgery it is important to have a bowel movement within a day or two. If you do not, you may take over the counter laxatives to encourage your bowels to move.

- 13. Minimal activity for the first 48 hours. No house cleaning, furniture rearranging, etc. Relax, be pampered, and let your body heal. The less energy you use on doing things, the more energy your body can focus on healing.
- 14. Limit lifting, pulling or pushing for 10 days.
- 15. Position after surgery is different with different types of surgery. If your surgery is from the waist up we ask that the head of the bed be elevated 45 degrees. This requires a pillow under the small of your back, two pillows under your shoulders and head, and if you have a pillow under each elbow you will relax and stay in position.
- 16. You are requested to remain within a reasonable traveling distance of the office for approximately ten days.
- 17. Once cleared to shower you may do so every day. Please do not use the bathtub until cleared.
- 18. NO SMOKING for the first 14 postoperative days. Any cheating will delay healing.
- 19. You may drive two days after anesthesia, once you are off the pain pills, and when you experience no pain with this activity (you need to be able to react quickly).
- 20. All surgeries involve some scarring, which can take up to 2 years to fade. No matter how small they may be, we still want them to heal as well as they are able. Exposing red scars to the sun can cause permanent discoloration. A good sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) can help and will protect the surrounding tissues that might not feel like a sunburn developing while the nerves are healing. Sunlight can even reach scars under a swimsuit, so take adequate precautions.
- 21. DO NOT use a hot tub for 4 weeks or until cleared.
- 22. AVOID sports or strenuous activities 4 to 6 weeks as your surgeon gives you clearance during your post-operative visits. This is to avoid any unnecessary complications (bleeding, bruising, or swelling).
- 23. You may return to work when you feel able and are cleared to do so by your surgeon.
- 24. Feel free to call upon us at any time. We want you to be as comfortable as possible during your healing period.

# **MEDICATION GUIDE**

**<u>ANTIBIOTICS</u>**: These are used to treat or help prevent infection. Always finish off all of your pills unless you check with us first.

- <u>Keflex (cephalexin)</u>—take 1 four times per day until they are gone. Start when you arrive home from surgery.
- <u>Cleocin</u> (clindamycin)—take 1 three times per day until they are gone. Start when you arrive home from surgery.
- <u>Levaquin</u> (levofloxacin)—take one 1 time per day until they are gone. Start the day after surgery.
- **Doxycycline** –take 2 the first day; then one daily until they are gone. Take pill with a full glass of water and do not lie down immediately after taking one. This medication can make you sunburn more easily.

<u>ANTI-VIRALS</u>: These are used to prevent cold sore outbreaks when irritating surgeries (peels, laser, etc.) are done around the mouth. Always finish these as well.

- <u>Zovirax (acyclovir)</u>—take 2 three times per day until gone. Start two days prior to surgery.
- <u>Valtrex</u> (valacyclovir)—take one 500 mg twice per day or one 1000 mg once per day until gone starting the day before your procedure.

**<u>PAIN MEDICATION</u>**: These medications are to be taken as needed for pain. Each contains Tylenol (Acetaminophen), so while you can take Tylenol *in place* of these medicines, you should not take Tylenol *with* them. Do not take pain medication on an empty stomach if you can avoid it.

- <u>Percocet</u> (oxycodone)—take 1 or 2 every four hours as needed. \*We cannot telephone in refills for Percocet, Vicodin, or Dilaudid.
- <u>Vicodin</u> (hydrocodone)—take 1 or 2 or two every four hours as needed.
- <u>Ultracet (tramadol and Tylenol)</u>—take 1 or 2 every four hours as needed.

**PAIN MEDICATION/ANTI-INFLAMITORY:** These are non-narcotic, prescription-grade, medications to help with pain and inflammation.

<u>Celebrex</u> (Celecoxib) – take 1 capsule two times daily beginning the day after your surgery (You may be given two capsules (400mg) by the nurses in pre-op before surgery, if ordered by the doctor). You can then use the narcotic pain medication (e.g. Percocet, Vicodin, Dillaudid, etc.) for any additional discomfort. Celebrex contains a sulfa-based derivative, so do not take it if you have a sulfa allergy that prevents you from taking Lasix or Imitrex (not all Sulfa allergies apply).

Celebrex is a Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug (NSAID) that can be used around the time of surgery because it does not potentiate bleeding (unlike other NSAID, such as Ibuprofen, asprin, Aleve). Celebrex is highly recommended and encouraged by your physician but it is also a bit costlier than some of the other medications and is rarely covered by insurance companies. A generic is now available too.

# No pre-authorization will be obtained from your insurance company; therefore you must pay out-of-pocket if you choose to take this medication.

**MUSCLE RELAXANT, ANTI-ANXIETY:** This helps with pain following surgeries such as breast augmentation, breast reconstruction, and tummy-tucks, where muscles are stretched. We *will not* refill this prescription because it can be addictive.

• <u>Valium</u> (diazepam) — take one every six hours as needed.

<u>ANTI-NAUSEA</u>: All pain medications have nausea as a side effect, and everyone has varying sensitivities to them. During surgery your anesthesiologist will give you medication to help as well.

- **Dramamine** (dimenhydramine)—this is over the counter. Take 50-100 mg every four to six hours as needed. It's good to take on the morning of your surgery with a small sip of water.
- Bonine (meclizine)—this is also over the counter. Take 25 mg every six hours as needed.
- <u>Compazine</u> (prochlorperazine)—we give this in a suppository form, so if you are throwing up, it ensures absorption. Take one suppository by rectum every twelve hours as needed.
- <u>Scopolamine Transdermal Patch</u> -this patch is for nausea and motion sickness and is usually placed behind the ear about 1 hour prior to surgery if order by the doctor. Patch should be removed after approximately 72 hrs (3 days) after surgery. Wash hands and skin with soap and water after removal. Do not touch eyes after touching patch, may cause pupillary dilation.
- <u>Zofran</u> (Ondansetron) Place it under your tongue and let it dissolve every 8 hours as needed for nausea/vomiting.

**STEROIDS:** A short course of high dosage steroids is often used to keep swelling down, especially after facial surgery. The side effects can include increased acid in the stomach (so Tums, Pepcid AC are good to take) and mood elevation (which is not such a bad thing until you stop them).

• <u>Medrol Dose Pack</u> - Bring this to the hospital if you are staying overnight. You will start the day after surgery. Follow the instructions on the packet until they are gone.

**LOVENOX**<sup>®</sup>: Certain procedures, such as an abdominoplasty, carry a higher risk for developing a blood clot in the leg known as a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) which may lead to a Pulmonary Embolism (PE). You will receive a dose of Heparin in pre-op holding if ordered by your physician and may me instructed to continue the therapeutic blood thinning injections at home with Lovenox<sup>®</sup> on a case by case basis.

**<u>ANTI-HISTAMINES</u>**: These can help with itching, sleep, and, to some extent, with nausea.

- Benadryl (diphenhyramine)—this is over the counter. Take one or two every six hours as needed.
- <u>Atarax Elixer</u> (hyroxazine)—used for children after surgery. Give prescribed dose every six hours as needed to help your child sleep.

**<u>EYE-DROPS</u>**: For lower and quad blepharoplasties

- Lotomax anti-inflammatory eye drops. Use 1-2 drops in each eye 2-4 times per day for one week
- <u>**Tobrodex**</u> Steroid eye drop. 1-2 drops every 4-6 hours for one week only.

# **MEDICATION INSTRUCTION SHEET**

This instructional sheet was put together to help all patients get ready for surgery. There may be many items that do not apply to you. We will try to highlight the instructions that apply to you and your surgery.

# THINGS TO STOP PRIOR TO SURGERY

- Stop medications that thin your blood two weeks prior to surgery. These include aspirin, ibuprofen, fish oils, flax seed, Omega-3 and high doses of vitamin E. Check any other medications against the included list, and ask your pharmacist about any other new medications you start prior to surgery. If you are on a prescription blood thinner, be sure to discuss this with your prescribing doctor and surgeon.
- Stop untested herbal supplements two weeks prior to surgery. Very few of these have been tested, and many have been shown to increase bleeding, delay healing, or react poorly with anesthesia.
- If using oral contraceptives/hormone replacement therapy, there is a slightly elevated risk of developing a blood clot following surgery. We may recommend that you stop taking hormones two weeks prior to a higher risk surgery, such as an abdominoplasty. Also, please be aware that the antibiotics you will be taking after surgery may decrease the effectiveness of your birth control pill, so using a back- up method for the completion of your current cycle is recommended.

# THINGS TO START PRIOR TO SURGERY

- <u>Arnica Montana</u>: This comes from a medicinal plant and helps to decrease swelling and bruising. Start three days prior to surgery and continue until bruising is gone.
- <u>Bromelain</u>: This is an approved supplement derived from pineapples. It helps decrease bruising after surgery. Start taking 1500 mg per day (on an empty stomach) at least three days prior to surgery, and continue after surgery until the bruises are gone. Bromelain can be found at: Wild Oats, Whole Foods, Vitamin Cottage
- <u>Arnika Forte</u><sup>TM</sup>: (Arnica, Bromelain, Antioxidants and Bioflavonoids). Physician formulated combination of herbal supplement for rapid resolution of bruising and swelling. Begin taking the night prior to surgery, then one capsule two times a day until gone. Do not take on the morning of surgery.
- <u>Iron</u>: For surgeries where a larger blood loss is expected, you can start iron (over the counter) long before surgery. A good multi-vitamin with iron is fine.
- <u>Stay regular</u>: Surgery, pain medications, and iron can be very constipating. Surgeries such as tummytucks and TRAM flaps are very high risk, so we recommend you start Colace (100 mg twice per day) and Metamucil two weeks prior to surgery, and continue for several weeks after surgery. If you find that you are having problems after any surgery, try Milk of Magnesia or a tea called "Smooth Move."

• <u>Cold Sores</u>: If you are having surgery around your mouth (such as laser, peel, dermabrasion, or fat injections) you need to start an antiviral medication to decrease the chance of having a cold sore outbreak even if you have never had a cold sore before. This should be started two days prior to, and continuing for five days after, surgery.

# THINGS TO TAKE ON THE DAY OF SURGERY

- <u>Medicines</u>: Only take important regular medicines (such as blood pressure meds, cold sore medication, half of your regular insulin, but no oral diabetic medications) the morning of surgery with a small sip of water. Medications that are not essential (such as antidepressants, thyroid medications, and tamoxifen) can be taken after surgery on the same day.
- <u>Anti-nausea medication</u>: If you are prone to nausea after anesthesia, or are afraid of throwing up after surgery, you can decrease the risk by taking Dramamine or Bonine (both over the counter) on the morning of surgery with a sip of water. It will make you sleepy, so don't plan on driving.
- <u>Inhalers</u>: Even if you only use you inhaler every once in a while, bring it with you on the day of surgery.

## For office procedures ONLY - BRING YOUR MEDICATIONS WITH YOU

# **Medications to Avoid**

If you are taking any medications on this list, they should be discontinued 2 weeks prior to surgery and only acetaminophen products, such as Tylenol, should be taken for pain. All other medications – prescriptions, over-the-counter and herbal – that you are currently taking must be specifically cleared by Dr. Folk prior to surgery.

#### Aspirin Medications to Avoid: Affect blood clotting.

4-Way Cold Tabs 5-Aminosalicylic Acid Acetilsalicylic Acid Actron Adprin-B products Aleve Alka-Seltzer products Amigesic Argesic-SA Anacin products Anexsia w/Codeine Arthra-G Arthriten products Arthritis Foundation products Arthritis Pain Formula Arthritis Strength BC Powder Arthropan ASA Asacol Ascriptin products Aspergum Asprimox products Axotal Azdone Azulfidine products B-A-C Backache Maximum Strength Relief **Baver Products BC** Powder **Bismatrol products** Buffered Aspirin Bufferin products Buffetts 11 Buffex Butal/ASA/Caff **Butalbital Compound** 

Cama Arthritis Pain Reliever Carisoprodol Compound Cataflam Cheracol Choline Magnesium Trisalicvlate Choline Salicylate Cope Coricidin **Cortisone Medications** Damason-P Darvon Diclofenac Dipenturn Disalcid Doan's products Dolobid Dristan Duragesic Easprin Ecotrin products Empirin products Equagesic Etodolac Excedrin products Fiorgen PF Fiorinal products Flurbiprofen Gelpirin Genprin Gensan Goody's Extra Strength Headache Powders Halfprin products IBU Indomethacin products Isollyl Improved

Kaodene Lanorinal Ibuprohm Lodine Lortab ASA Magan Magnaprin products Magnesium Salicylate Magsal Marnal Marthritic Mefenamic Acid Meprobamate Mesalamine Methocarbarnol Micrainin Mobidin Mobiaesic Momentum Mono-Gesic Motrin products Naprelan Naproxen Night-Time Effervescent Cold Norgesic products Norwich products Olsalazine Orphengesic products Orudis products Oxycodone Pabalate products P-A-C Pain Reliever Tabs Panasal Pentasa Pepto-Bismol Percodan products

Phenaphen/Codeine #3 Pink Bismuth Piroxicam Propoxyphene Compound products Robaxisal Rowasa Roxeprin Saleto products Salflex Salicylate products Salsalate Salsitab Scot-Tussin Original 5-Action Sine-off Sinutab Sodium Salicylate Sodol Compound Soma Compound St. Joseph Aspirin Sulfasalazine Supac Suprax Synalgos-DC Talwin Triaminicin Tricosal Trilisate Tussanil DH Tussirex products Ursinus-Inlay Vanguish Wesprin Willow Bark products Zorprin

# **Medications to Avoid**

#### **Ibuprofen Medications to Avoid**

Affect blood clotting.
Acular (opthalmic)
Advil products
Anaprox products
Ansaid
Clinoril
Daypro
Dimetapp Sinus
Dristan Sinus
Feldene
Fenoprofen
Genpril

- Haltran Indochron E-R Indocin products Ketoprofen Ketorolac Ibuprin Ibuprofen Meclofenamate Meclomen Menadol Midol-products
- Nabumetone Nalfon products Naprosyn products Naprox X Nuprin Ocufen (opthalmic) Oruvail Oxaprozin Ponstel Profenal Relafen
- Rhinocaps Sine-Aid products Sulindac Suprofen Tolectin products Tolmetin Toradol Voltaren

#### Avoid ALL Diet Aids – Including Over-the-Counter & Herbal

Intensify anesthesia, serious cardiovascular effects.

#### **Tricyclic Antidepressants to Avoid**

Intensify anesthesia, cardiovascular effects. Adapin Doxepin Maprotiline Tofranil Amitriptyline Elavil Norpramin Triavil Amoxapine Trimipramine Endep Nortriptyline Anafranil Etrafon products Pamelor Vivactil Asendin Imipramine Pertofrane Aventyl Janimine Protriptyline Clomipramine Limbitrol products Sinequan Desipramine Ludiomil Surmontil

#### Other Medication to Avoid: Affect blood clotting.

4-Way w/ Codeine	Dipyridamole	Macrodantin	Sinex
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A.C.A.	Doxycycline	Mellaril	Sofarin
A-A Compound	Emagrin	Miradon	Soltice
Accutrim	Enoxaparin injection	Omega Fatty Acids	Sparine
Actifed	Ephedra	Opasal	Stelazine
Anexsia	Fish Oils	Pan-PAC	Sulfinpyrazone
Anisindione	Flagyl	Pentoxyfylline	Tenuate
Anturane	Flax Seed Oil	Persantine	Tenuate Dospan
Arthritis Bufferin	Fleaxaril	Phenylpropanolamine	Thorazine
BC Tablets	Fragmin injection	Prednisone	Ticlid
Childrens Advil	Furadantin	Protarnine	Ticlopidine
Clinoril C	Garlic	Psuedoeohrdrine	Trental
Contac	Grape Seed Oil	Pyrroxate	Ursinus
CO-Q-10	Heparin	Qualfanzen	Virbamycin
Coumadin	Hydrocortisone	Robaxin	Warfarin
Dalteparin injection	Isollyl	RobitussionRu-Tuss	
Dicumerol	Lovenox injection	Salatin	

## **Medications to Avoid**

#### Salicylate Medications, Foods & Beverages to Avoid

Affect blood clotting. Amigesic (salsalate) Disalcid (salsalate) Doan's (magnesium salicylate) Dolobid (diflunisal)

Magsal Pamprin (Maximum Pain Relief) Mobigesic Pabalate

Pepto-Bismol (bismuth subsalicylate) Salflex (salsalate) Salsalate Salsitab (salsalate) Trilisate (choline salicylate + magnesium salicylate)

#### **Vitamins and Herbs to Avoid**

Affect blood clotting, affect blood sugar, increase or decrease the strength of anesthesia, rapid heartbeat, high blood pressure, liver damage. Note: Just because it is not of this list does not mean that it is safe to take while preparing for surgery.

Ackee fruit Alfalfa Aloe Argimony Barley Bilberry Bitter melon Burdock root Carrot oil Cayenne Chamomile Chromium Coriander Dandelion root

Devil's club Dong Quai root Echinacea Ephedra Eucalyptus Fenugreek seeds Feverfew Fo-ti Garlic and Garlique Ginger Gingko Gingko biloba Ginseng Gmena Goldenseal Gotu Kola Grape seed Guarana Guayusa Hawthorn Horse Chestnut Juniper Kava Kava Lavender Lemon verbena Licorice root Ma Huang Melatonin Muwort Nem seed oil Periwinkle Selenium St. John's Wort Valerian/Valerian Root "The natural Viagra®" Vitamin E Vitamin K Willow bark Yellow root Yohimbe

If you are taking anything not on this list, please call the office at 303-321-6608 to notify us and make sure that it is okay.