

# Discharge Instructions-Arthroscopic Hip Surgery

## **After Your Surgery:**

- 1. Use your crutches as instructed
- 2. Follow weight bearing restrictions as instructed
- 3. Rest for the first 3 days, be off your hip more than on it
- 4. Use ice/cold therapy as much as possible
- 5. Do not drive a car until cleared by your surgeon

### Activity:

- 1. Move your hip within the limits set for you
- 2. CPM therapy as instructed
- 3. Your surgeon will let you know when to begin outpatient therapy

### Wound Care:

- 1. Remove large hip dressing in 3 days, keep the Band-Aids in place
- 2. Do not shower, keep wounds dry until first follow-up unless otherwise instructed

### If Taking Oral Pain Medications:

- 1. Follow instructions as printed on prescription
- 2. Do not drink alcohol while taking pain medication
- 3. Pain medications can cause constipation

### **Call Your Surgeon For:**

- 1. Temperature above 101 degrees and/or chills present for more than 2 days
- 2. Pain not relieved by oral pain medication
- 3. Swelling ,coldness, paleness, blue coloring, numbness or tingling in operative foot
- 4. Any sign of incisional infection

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact your surgeon's office.