# Breast Reduction and Lift (Mastopexy)

After your surgery



#### **Dressing**

- The dressing will be removed by your surgeon after one week, during your first follow-up appointment.
- Afterwards, you can take a shower and clean your breasts with soapy water. Dry the wound well and apply an antibiotic ointment, such as Polysporin®, to the stitches, if necessary.
- Wear a stretchable camisole for four weeks after your surgery. You can buy them at any department store.
- Remove the Steri-Strips<sup>™</sup> 14 days after your surgery. You do not have to replace them if they come off.

#### **Physical activities**

- It is important that you move your arms from day one, keeping them lower than your shoulders.
- Do not lift heavy objects or play sports for 5 weeks after your surgery.
- Do not drive a vehicle the week after your surgery, or until you stop taking pain medication.

### Pain management

 Take your prescribed medication or Tylenol™ regularly. Do not hold off taking your medication before your pain becomes intense.

#### Personnal hygiene

- Take sponge baths during the first days after your surgery. Keep your dressing dry.
- · Avoid bathing or swimming for two weeks.
- After your dressing is removed, you can shower and wash your breasts. Avoiding aiming the spray directly at your breasts, and take extra care to dry the wound thoroughly.

#### **Constipation prevention**

- Drink prune juice or take Metamucil™.
- If this doesn't help, you can take a teaspoon of milk of Magnesia every day until your next bowel movement.

#### Consult your doctor or visit the nearest Emergency Room if you experience:

- red blotches, a hot sensation, hardening or discharges at the incision site;
- fever or chills;
- · pain or warmth in the calf area;
- · increasing pain;
- · sudden shortness of breath.

## Irregular menstruation is normal in the weeks following general anesthesia.

#### **Next appointment**

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#### To contact Dr. Ferron's office

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We will contact you to schedule your follow-up appointment.

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