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IVC FILTER PLACEMENT/REMOVAL

Discharge Instructions

You have had an Inferior Vena cava Filter PLACED/ REMOVED via your LEFT/RIGHT GROIN/ NECK area.

You may resume your normal diet.

You may resume your normal medications.

If you take **glucophage, metformin** or **glucovance**, discontinue for another 48 hours, and contact your family physician before restarting this medication.

Since you were given conscious sedation, someone must stay with you until the morning after the procedure.

Do not drive, lift any heavy objects or consume alcohol for the next 24 hours.

Keep the area covered and dry until the site is healed.

It is normal to experience some pain at the site over the next few days. You may take Tylenol for that pain.

Notify your primary physician and/or Radiologist IMMEDIATELY if any of the following occur:

-) **Fever of 101¹ F (38¹ C) or chills**
-) **Swelling ,redness or bleeding in the area of the puncture site**
-) **Pain, numbness or tingling down the affected leg**

If you received "sedation-analgesia," or "conscious sedation," some of the effects of the medications can last for a long time. For this reason you are not to drive or operate heavy machinery, ride your bicycle or take part in any activity that requires concentration. Be cautious walking up and down stairs.

YOU SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY, EITHER HERE OR AT THE NEAREST EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING OCCURS:

-) **Chest pain or shortness of breath.**
-) **Inability to swallow solids or fluids.**
-) **Fever, vomiting, or signs of dehydration: Lightheadedness, dizziness when standing, dry mouth and/or decreased urination.**

Physician Contact Information

-) **If you should have a problem that you feel requires immediate attention, you should either call 911 or go to the emergency room, either at Lansdale Hospital or the closest hospital.** If you feel that your problem can safely wait until you speak to a physician, you should contact your doctor or radiologist.
-) If you have concerns that need to be answered by the Radiologist, you can reach him/her as follows:
 - o During regular weekday hours (7:30am to 4:00pm), call 215-481-2040
 - o During off hours for emergencies call 215-481-2000 and ask the hospital operator to contact the Interventional Radiologist on-call.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and understand the instructions given to me.

PATIENT SIGNATURE

NURSE SIGNATURE

DATE

TIME