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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SHUNT-POST OPERATIVE

1. **Shunt placement -2 incisions.**
2. **You must keep the incisions totally dry. Saran wrap taped on the skin Usually works to waterproof the bandage for the shower.**
3. **No driving or riding in a car for the first three weeks, with only the Following exceptions.**
 - a. **To go to the doctor's office.**
 - b. **To go to the emergency room.**
 - c. **To attend a funeral.**
 - d. **Any further travel should be discussed with Dr. Wheeler.**
4. **How can I sleep with a pillow? A. A small pillow under the back of your head when lying on your back. You may use a pillow to keep you head level with your spine when lying on your side.**
5. **You will have very limited activity and no work status for three weeks.**
6. **Medications: A. Pain medication will be given and you will take as directed by the doctor.**
7. **Antibiotic: will be given as a preventative to take as directed and until it is all gone.**
8. **Call is immediately if you develop a temperature elevation, bleeding, Drainage, swelling, redness, paralysis, weakness, severe headache, vomiting or a conditions that concerns you following your surgery.**
9. **Do not take any aspirin products after your surgery until released to so.**
10. **You will need to have post operative x-rays taken at 6 weeks after Your surgery and you will have a return appointment to see Dr. Wheeler with those films.**