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You may shower ONLY if you are able to keep the operative site completely dry.

If you have temporarily stopped taking coumadin or aspirin for this procedure, you may resume taking it today.

Notify this office if any of the following symptoms of infection occurs:

- Abnormal redness
- Pain
- Heat
- Foul-smelling drainage
- Chills
- Fever
- Swelling

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