

Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass and Sleeve Gastrectomy CareMap

| Before Surgery Day | Day of Surgery | Day 1 After Surgery |
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| What to Do □ Start the Liver Shrinking Diet and supplements as instructed 3-6 weeks prior to surgery. Begin thiamine (vitamin B1) 100 mg daily while on this diet. □ Before surgery, buy the vitamins that you will start during the soft foods diet. □ If you live more than 2 hours away from UWMC, arrange for a place to stay in the Seattle area for 1-2 days after surgery. □ Schedule a clinic visit with your primary care provider for 1-2 days after surgery. □ Arrange and confirm who will take you home from the hospital after surgery. □ Day Before Surgery □ Do NOT eat any solid food. □ Stay on liquid diet for 36 hours before surgery. You may drink up to 2 of the recommended protein shakes as meals. Sugar-free Jello or other clear, hydrating liquids are OK. □ Before midnight, drink 1 of the bottles | At Home Starting 2 hours before surgery, do not drink anything. What to Bring to the Hospital Your CPAP machine, if you use one. One bottle of apple juice. (You will drink this when you get to the hospital.) At the Hospital Before surgery: Right after you park at the hospital, drink 1 of the bottles of juice your provider gave you. After that, do not drink anything for the 2 hours before your surgery. If you are a sleeve patient, use the bathroom before moving to the operating room. After surgery: Use your incentive spirometer 10 times every hour while you are awake. Take 10 deep breaths each time. Get out of bed with help. Do Physical/Occupational Therapy (PT/OT) evaluations as needed. Spirometer Use your CPAP machine while sleeping | □ Get out of bed in the morning with help. □ Sit up for all meals. □ Work with PT/OT, walk stairs as needed. □ Practice moving from bed to chair with help. □ Walk in hall with help 5 times: 1□ 2□ 3□ 4□ 5□ □ Begin doing your Home Exercise Program 2 times a day: 1□ 2□ □ Bathe (with help, if needed). □ Sip hydrating liquids slowly from a 1-ounce cup every 15 minutes. □ Start bariatric liquid diet: Sip liquids slowly from a 1-ounce cup every 20 your goal is to slowly sip four 1-ounce cups over 30 minutes. |
| of juice your provider gave you. Follow your pre-surgery shower and shaving instructions: Take your 5 "pre-op" showers starting 2 days before surgery: morning and evening, morning and evening, and morning. Review preoperative education paperwork that the clinic gave you. | and napping, if used at home. You will be on IV fluids, but you may take sips of water or watered-down juice from a 1-ounce cup to take the medicines you are given. You not order from the kitchen. 1-ounce cup | ☐ Start tracking your liquid intake on the worksheet. ☐ Keep using your incentive spirometer. Incentive Spirometer |

| Preparing for Discharge | Week 1 After Surgery | Week 2 After Surgery |
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| To Do Before Discharge ☐ If needed, make a plan for things you may need after discharge (for example, transportation, home healthcare, or equipment like a cane or walker). Social workers are available to help you with this. ☐ Pick up discharge medicines from pharmacy. ☐ Confirm follow-up clinic visit with primary care provider in 1-2 weeks. To Learn Before Discharge ☐ Lovenox: If you need this medication, a pharmacist will teach you about giving an injection, side effects, and interactions. ☐ Discharge medicines: When and why to take, how to open capsules, take elixir. ☐ How to manage diabetes medicines (if needed). ☐ Warning signs to report and who to call. ☐ Nutrition and diet education: sugar-free liquids, advancing to smooth protein liquid meals. See "Bariatric Liquid Diet" in your purple folder (continue until 2-week clinic visit). ☐ Incentive spirometry, deep breathing, coughing (continue for 1 week) ☐ Incision care (continue through recovery) | □ Follow-up clinic visit with your primary care provider to review medicines and to check how you are feeling. □ Keep doing your Home Exercise Program 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. □ Keep tracking your liquid intake on the worksheet. □ Keep tracking your protein intake on the "Bariatric Diet Tracking Liquids" handout | □ Follow up with surgeon. □ Continue Bariatric Liquid and Hydrating Liquids. □ Do NOT move on to the next diet texture or amounts until your bariatric provider tells you to. □ Attend the Telemedicine Nutrition Group visit to learn how to transition to the next diet. □ Have all your vitamins ready to review in the group session. □ You will receive a thiamine injection at your post-op visit 2 weeks after surgery. |
| PT/OT exercises and activity restrictions, if needed (continue at home) Goals to Meet Before Discharge No vomiting after sipping liquids. Be able to manage your pain and nausea by taking medicines by mouth (take pain medicine exactly as prescribed). Show you can take care of your incision. State signs to report to your doctor, such as vomiting that does not go away, severe constipation, severe abdominal pain, abnormal bleeding, or signs of infection. Be able to walk by yourself and climb stairs safely. Schedule support person for at least part of each day the first 1 to 2 weeks to help with meals, shopping, chores, personal care, driving, and child or pet care | ☐ Keep using your CPAP machine while sleeping and napping (if you have sleep apnea). | |

Medical Terms

- **Hydrating Liquids:** Clear liquids that can easily be seen through, are low in sugar or sugar-free such as water, broth, or sugar-free Jello. Avoid any type of caffeine or alcohol. To learn more, please see the handout, "Bariatric Hydrating Liquids" (provided before surgery).
- Bariatric Liquid Diet: This diet only includes blended foods that are the consistency of a smooth liquid that you can easily pour. It does not
 include any chunks of solid food, even small pieces. To learn more, please see the handout "Bariatric Liquid Diet" (provided before surgery).
- Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP): A device that keeps the airway open for people who have sleep apnea.
- Incentive spirometer: A device you breathe into to help your lungs expand. Doing this helps prevent pneumonia.
- **Thiamine (Vitamin B1)**: When you shop for this vitamin, it might be labeled as "Vitamin B," "Thiamine," or "Thiamin." These are just different names for the same vitamin. See example below.



To learn more, please read Guide to Your Weight-Loss Surgery at University of Washington Medical Center, the manual you received in clinic.

Questions or Concerns?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC clinic staff are also available to help.

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After hours and on weekends and holidays, call 206.598.6190 and ask for the surgeon or resident on call to be paged.