

Postop Care after Pump Replacement

- 1) **Temp. once a day** about the same time every day.
- 2) Check bandage daily. **Change bandage every 3 days. KEEP PUMP DRESSING DRY. REPORT ANY DRAINAGE.** Note type of drainage.

If suture line is red/swollen, or painful, please call the baclofen clinic immediately! (you may have an infection). Notify the GFS doctor on call after clinical hours and Go to VGH –ER and ask for your surgeon.

- 3) **NO BATHS or SHOWERS** for approximately X 2 week. Please check with baclofen nurse or physician before having a bath or shower.

4) **Observe for any of the Pump Symptoms:** if you think you have any one of these symptoms, please call and report to the baclofen clinic immediately or Contact the GF Strong Doctor on call and then go to VGH emergency department. **If life threatening, please go to your nearest emergency department and then contact the Baclofen Clinic.**

A) **Possible Overdose** –CNS depression

- Drowsiness , decr BP, dizziness
- lightheadedness
- progressive weakness in upper limbs
- decrease level of consciousness
- decrease in breathing rate
- coma

C) **Bacterial Meningitis**

- temp 38 C or greater
- persistent headaches
- stiff neck
- sensitivity to light
- nausea and /or vomiting

B) **Possible withdrawal**

- sudden onset of pain/spasms
- severe headaches
- disorientation, confusion
- “crawling”, itchy skin
- increase heart rate (tachycardia)
- fever

D) *****Wound Drainage*****

Any drainage, redness or swelling at the pump site.
Please NOTIFY THE CLINIC

Your next appointment at the Baclofen Clinic is:

Baclofen Clinic Hours: 7:00-3:00pm from Monday – Fridays:

604- 734-1313 loc. 2193

If urgent : page nurse or physician during clinical hours, call: 604-734-1313 (7AM TO 5PM) during clinical hours.

After Baclofen Clinic hours, CALL VGH 604-875-4111 and ask to speak to the rehab medicine doctor(GF Strong doctor) on call to help you with your pump.

******* 24HR. Medtronic Technical Service: 1-800-707-0933 *******