

## Complete Abdominoplasty

### Instructions for Patients

#### Before the Intervention:

- If you are having a full anaesthetic, do not eat, drink or smoke after midnight
- Taking aspirin (or any other medicinal product containing acetylsalicylic acid) is also forbidden for ten days before the intervention;
- You are advised to take "Nutrimonium" food supplements during the month before the intervention. This can be bought at Beclinic or your pharmacy.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear any make-up, nor any nail varnish.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear contact lenses.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised not to wear any jewellery or Piercing.
- On the day of the operation, you are advised to wear loose-fitting and comfortable clothes.
- In the morning before the intervention, the body must be washed with a disinfectant soap of the Hibiscrub, Uni-Cura or Betadermyl variety (available from chemists).

**It is important and obligatory to wear anti-embolic stockings on the day of your surgery. Please provide the long ones up to above the knees. These you can buy at the pharmacy or at our clinic (30 £).**

**In case of breast uplift with/without implants and abdominoplasty : We can offer you a special bandage with negative wound pressure. Pocket sized PICO is designed to reduce disruption and supporting them through the healing process. Benefits for you are better wound healing via suction of low exudate and nicer scaring. This bandage will be placed after your surgery in the operating room. You can go home without any worries regarding wound care till the bandages may come off. Price: 250£**

#### After the Intervention:

- Driving is forbidden for 24 hours after the operation.
- During the first week after the intervention, you are advised not to stretch out entirely and to walk with your back slightly arched, in order to avoid stretching the wound too much.
- After the intervention, some drains are put in place, which must be kept there for approximately 7 days (can be longer); they will be withdrawn at Beclinic or by the attending physician when the flow is less than 10cc of liquid during 2 consecutive days.
- After the intervention, a compression belt must be worn for a month, day and night. Once the drains have been removed, the belt can be briefly taken off, for a quick shower while keeping the dressings in place.

- You are advised to take Dafalgan (Paracetamol) at a rate of 1gr four times a day, alternatively with Ibuprofen 600mg, three times a day and, possibly, Oxynorm, twice a day. This latter medication should be discontinued in the event of nausea.
- Antibiotics will be prescribed for you and must be taken 2 times a day for ten days.
- You are advised to take "Nutrimonium" food supplements for a month after the intervention, in order to accelerate the healing process.
- An oedema will appear after the operation, but it will disappear of its own accord.
- The stitches will be removed after a fortnight, by your doctor or at Beclinic.
- Once the stitches have been removed, the doctor will apply some steristrips as well as a watertight dressing, which will be removed after three days. The scars can be massaged with Cicalfate (Avène) or Alhydran cream. One month after the surgery, a silicone dressing (of the "Bapscarcare", "Cerederm" or "Dermatix" variety) can be applied in order to help the wound to heal. The scars absolutely must be kept out of the sun for least a year.
- It is recommended that you do not carry any heavy objects or practise any sport for four weeks after the intervention.