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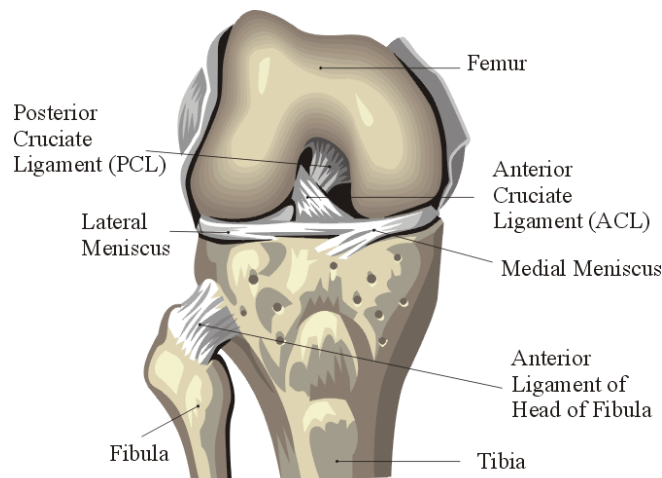
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If you have any questions or concerns, please call.

Knee Arthroscopy



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PRE-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not eat or drink after midnight the night before surgery. This includes chewing gum, candy and mints. No smoking or use of tobacco products.
- You will need to obtain crutches if you don't already have them. Bring them with you the day of surgery.
- Stop all blood thinners 5-7 days prior to surgery, unless directed otherwise. This includes Coumadin, aspirin, and anti-inflammatories.
- Stop all herbal supplements and over the counter medications 1 week prior to surgery.

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- Plan to spend approximately 4 hours at the surgical facility.
- Arrange for someone to drive you home and stay with you through the night.

You should have a post-operative appointment set up for 14 days after surgery. If you do not, please call the office at (913) 381-5225

POST-OP INSTRUCTIONS

- Elevate your leg above heart level. ICE the knee: 20 minutes on, 1 hour off for the first 2 days and then as needed for comfort.
- Do ankle circles to increase circulation and decrease swelling. These should be performed several times daily.
- Keep dressings in place for 2 days.
- You may take off the dressing, shower and get the incisions wet on the second day.
- DO NOT soak in a tub or pool for 14 days.
- You may want to re-wrap your knee with the ace wrap for continued support and to help keep the swelling down.
- Use your crutches to get around as needed and discontinue them as you feel more comfortable.
- Remember to do the range of motion exercises as soon as you leave the recovery room and continue to do them 3x daily until you see Dr. Bleazard in the office approximately 14 days later.
- Take the anti-inflammatory medication as prescribed to you.
- Take the pain medication on an as needed basis only. Be aware that a common side effect of some pain medications is constipation. It is important to remain well hydrated and include fiber in your diet. You may use an over the counter stool softener or laxative if necessary.

Start slowly with your diet, progressing from clear liquids to a regular diet. Avoid heavy or greasy foods the first 24 hours after surgery.