Do you want to know?

Craniotomy

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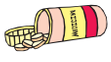
What is it?

Craniotomy is an incision done through the cranium (skull that holds and protects the brain) for the removal of a mass or evacuation of blood accumulation.

What do you need to know?

Drugs 

Take medications regularly as prescribed by your physician. You will be prescribed medications to prevent seizures (jerky movements).

Diet

Follow a healthy diet; usually there are no dietary restrictions unless otherwise prescribed by your physician for a certain health problem.

Activity

- Have someone accompany you while walking or doing any activity—in case sudden attacks of dizziness or seizures (jerky movements) occur, until your physician informs you that you can manage independently.
- Perform activities up to your tolerance level. However you need to get adequate rest.

Therapeutic Measures

- Expect the area around the wound to be slightly numb or itchy for 6 months after surgery.
- Keep scalp dry and clean until sutures are removed to avoid developing infection at site.
- Wear a clean scarf or cap to protect the scalp from irritations and injuries.
- Avoid loud noises because these are usually irritating for you.

Considerations

- Report immediately any kind of headache or dizziness or unusual symptoms such as blurred vision.
- Inform the physician if any stress or fear is experienced.
- Consult your physician regarding when to return to work.
- Follow special procedures recommended by your physician if needed.

INSTRUCTIONS

The content of this educational leaflet is of general information. Ask your physician or health care provider if this content applies to you.

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