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Discharge Instructions for Lumbar Discectomy or Fusion

1. Activity

- Take frequent walks (Walking Program Guide)
- Do not bend at the waist or twist
- Do not lift anything heavier than 10 pounds (weight of 1 gallon of milk)
- Other: _____

2. Diet

- Normal diet with increased fruit, fiber, fluids, vegetables, protein and iron

3. Other Instructions

- Wear _____ brace whenever out of bed
- Do not drive: _____ 4 weeks 6 weeks
 May ride in a car after 2 weeks or after staples removed
- Do not get incision(s) wet
- Cover wound (s) With plastic dressings when showering. No tub baths or hot tubs.
- Call physician for any increase in pain, numbness, tingling, drainage, or temperature greater than 101°F
- If wound damage: cover wound, sponge bath daily, and notify M.D.
- May get in pool after 3 weeks -when wound healed
- Other: _____

 Physician Signature

 Date/Time

 Nurse Signature

 Date/Time

 Patient Signature

 Date/Time