OKAY PLASTIC SURGERY

Face and Body Contouring Center

Precautions After Breast Reduction

- 1. To reduce swelling and prevent infection, take the prescribed medication for about 5–7 days.
- 2. On the first day after surgery, return to the clinic for follow-up. If necessary, the wound will be disinfected, and on days 1–3, you will be fitted with corrective garments.
- 3. On day 7–14, return to the clinic for disinfection and removal of any remaining sutures. Avoid moving your arms excessively or lifting heavy objects.
- 4. Pain is usually most severe for 2–3 days, then subsides and does not significantly interfere with daily activities.
- 5. When sleeping, keep your upper body slightly elevated and sleep on your back in a proper posture.
- 6. For about 6 months, you may experience breast discomfort or pain during your menstrual cycle.
- 7. For 2–4 weeks after surgery, wear the corrective bra and band provided by the hospital as instructed. From 1 month post-op, you may switch to a sports bra for 1–2 months. From 3 months, you may wear underwire bras depending on your progress.
- 8. Bruising may occur but typically resolves within 2–3 weeks.
- 9. Nipple sensation may temporarily become dull or overly sensitive. (Around 6 months post-surgery, you may occasionally feel tingling or shooting pain in the breast.)
- 10. After suture removal, apply scar ointment or silicone scar tape (e.g., CicaCare) for 6–12 months to improve scar healing.
- 11. Avoid alcohol and smoking for 4 weeks, as they may delay wound healing and increase the risk of infection.
- 12. Showering is generally allowed 2 weeks after surgery, but follow your doctor's instructions. After showering, ensure the surgical site is completely dry. Saunas and hot baths are allowed only after 4 weeks.
- 13. For the first 4–6 months, swelling may cause size differences between the breasts. Complete resolution of swelling usually takes 8 months to 1 year.
- 14. Avoid intense or strenuous exercise for at least 4 weeks (e.g., gym workouts, golf, swimming). Excessive movement may cause the incision site to open, resulting in scarring.
 - If you experience any unusual discomfort or have further questions, please contact the clinic.



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