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**VASCULAR SURGERY
NONINVASIVE VASCULAR DIAGNOSIS**

**POST-OPERATIVE INFORMATION
following
CAROTID ENDARTERECTOMY**

1. Normal post-operative findings:

Mild swelling; may feel like a hard knot along incision

Area of numbness around your incision; may involve the ear, neck, and part of the face. If you have incisional pain, you may use Tylenol. You may take up to 2 tablets every four hours as needed for pain.

2. If at any time following your surgery you have symptoms of a stroke or slight stroke, such as an episode of blindness in one eye, slurred speech, numbness, or weakness in an arm or leg, you should notify your doctor immediately.
3. Following discharge from the hospital, you should call your doctor's office and make an appointment to be seen in the office within 7-10 days.
4. Your doctor does not want you to drive a motor vehicle until after you have been seen in the office and he gives you permission.
5. Your incision should be kept dry and clean until you are seen for your first post-operative office visit.
6. Dissolvable sutures were used to close your incision. These will dissolve on their own and do not have to be removed by your doctor.
7. You are to continue taking the same medication at the same dosages you were taking prior to surgery unless instructed otherwise by your doctor.
8. Walking is good for you. We encourage it daily. Just remember you will tire easily, so take it slowly at first and gradually increase your activity.
9. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office at the above-listed number.