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NASAL SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. You may change the "drip dressing" as needed for the first couple of days after surgery. Tape this to your face with the micropore tape provided to you.
- 2. Use ice compresses over your eyes as often as possible. We recommend soaking a washcloth in ice water, wringing it out, folding it into a "V" shape and then placing it over both eyes. Keep any weight off the Nasal Splint. Continue with cold compresses for the first three (3) days.
- 3. **Do Not** wear glasses for six (6) weeks after surgery. If you must wear glasses, consult with Dr. Garcia prior to wearing them.
- 4. Clean the inside of your nostrils and the base of your nose with hydrogen peroxide and apply 100% petroleum Jelly only when instructed by Dr. Garcia.
- 5. Please purchase some Nasal Saline Spray and Aerosol (any brand) to use after your procedure once you have been advised to do so by Dr. Garcia.
- 6. AVOID blowing your nose for the first two (2) weeks after surgery, unless allowed by Dr. Garcia.
- 7. **Do Not** clean past the entrance of your nose with Q-tips.
- 8. **Do Not** brush your upper teeth with a toothbrush, only your finger.
- 9. Keep your head elevated at all times. **DO NOT LAY FLAT** for two (2) weeks after surgery.
- 10. Sleep with your head elevated either on 2-3 pillows or in a recliner.
- 11. Make sure to stand and walk around every 15 minutes.
- 12. Avoid bending over, strenuous exercise or heavy lifting for at least two (2) weeks after surgery.
- 13. Resume your normal exercise or activity gradually after two (2) weeks.
- 14. Avoid hitting or bumping your nose by sleeping alone for two (2) weeks after surgery.
- 15. **Do Not** pick up small children for two (2) weeks after surgery.
- 16. Remember that swelling inside your nose, as well as outside, reaches its peak the 3rd day.
- 17. 80% of the swelling is gone at two (2) weeks after surgery and 90% is gone at two (2) months after surgery.

Generally you will be scheduled for 1 day, 1 week, 2 week, 1 month, 3 month, 6 month and 1 year post-op appointments!

Person Receiving Instructions:	
Person Reviewing Instructions:	
Date/Time:	