

Appointments:

YOU will need to call and make these appointments:

1. Dr. _____
_____ to be seen in _____.
2. Radiation Oncology # _____
to be seen in one month.



Special Instructions:

CNY Gamma Knife Center Neuroscience Service

(315) 464-8400

Monday through Friday
6:00 am to 2:30 pm
(please leave a message if calling after hours)

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Your Gamma Knife Surgery Discharge Instructions

Important information for

Patient Name

Date



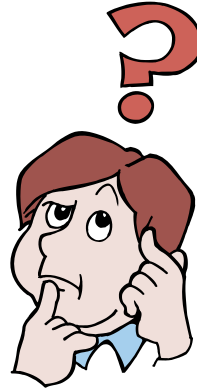
Concerns/questions??



Call your doctor **immediately** if you have:

- 1.Redness, swelling, or drainage at your pin sites.
- 2.A fever of 100° or higher for more than 24 hrs.
- 3.A headache which does not improve after taking Tylenol for 24 hrs.
- 4.Problems with balance or weakness.
- 5.Seizures.

What can I expect after surgery??



- 1.Your pin sites should heal in 7-10 days.
- 2.You may see old blood in the water when you wash your hair the first time.
- 3.Tingling or numbness around your pin sites and the top of your head. This can last a few days! (Be careful with sun, hot water, curling irons and dryers.)
- 4.You may get puffy or black and blue eyes after surgery that could last a week (*tip: use ice packs to help*).

What activities can I do?



- 1.Unless your doctor told you not to, you may go back to doing all of your usual activities.
- 2.You may go back to work or school within 48 hours.
- 3.You may go back to eating your usual foods.
- 4.You may wash your hair 24 hours after surgery, but **DO NOT** use hair spray, gels, hair color, mousse or permanents until your pin sites are healed.