



Appointments: YOU will need to call and make these appointments:

1. Dr. _____

Phone Number _____

to be seen in _____

2. Radiation Oncology _____

Phone Number _____

to be seen in one month _____

Special Instructions:



Upstate Gamma Knife Center

(315) 464-8400

www.upstate.edu/uH/gamma

email: GAMMA@upstate.edu

Monday through Friday

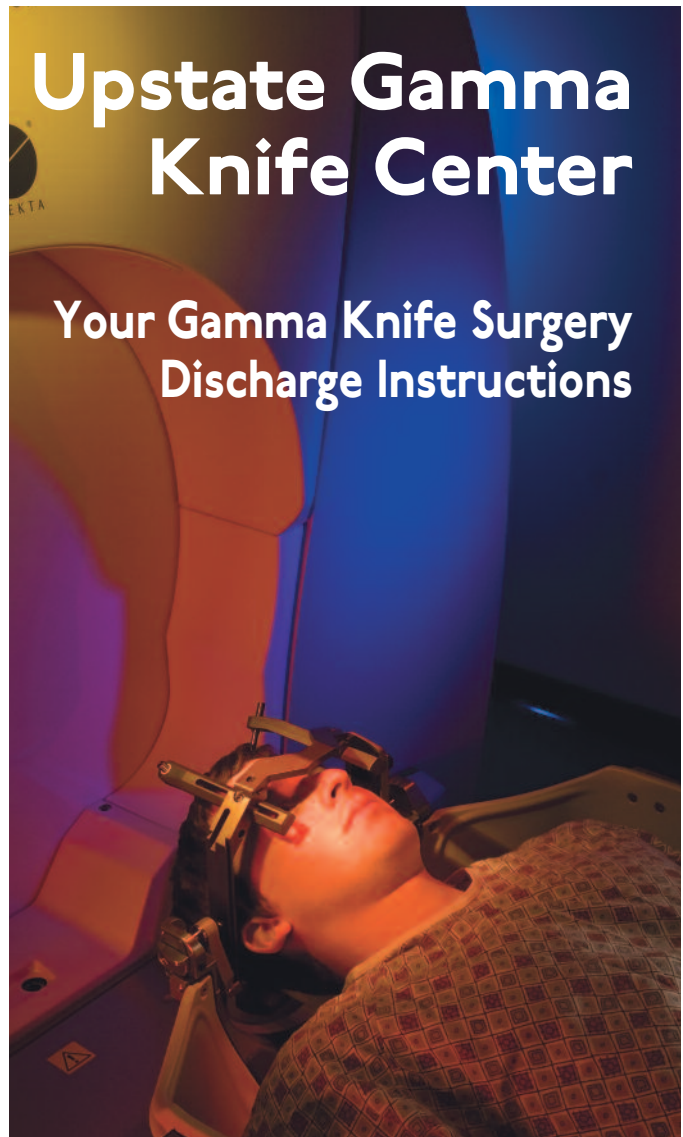
6 am to 2:30 pm

(please leave a message if calling after hours)

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Your Gamma Knife Surgery Discharge Instructions

Important information for

Patient Name

Date

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Concerns/questions?

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

- Redness, swelling, or drainage at your pin sites.
- A fever of 100° or higher for more than 24 hrs.
- A headache which does not improve after taking acetaminophen (Tylenol®) for 24 hrs.
- Problems with balance or weakness.
- Seizures.



What can I expect after surgery?

- Your pin sites should heal in 7 to 10 days.
- You may see old blood in the water when you wash your hair the first time.
- You may feel 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.
- You may get puffy or black and blue eyes after surgery that could last a week. Use ice packs to help.



What activities can I do?

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