SOUTHWEST BREAST & AESTHETICS

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POST-OP MEDICATION LIST - PRESCRIPTION & OVER THE COUNTER				
Medication	Dosing Instructions	Duration	Additional Notes	
oxycodone 5mg oral tablet	Take 1 tablet by mouth every 4-6 hours	Only take this medication as needed for break-through pain. The goal is to limit the use of this medication to instances when the non-narcotic pain medications listed below do not control your pain.	This is a narcotic pain medication. Narcotics can be dangerous, they are known to cause drowsiness and should not be mixed with alcohol. Due to the side effects, you should not drive or operate heavy machinery while under the influence of a narcotic pain medication. For our patients, narcotic drugs are rarely necessary beyond the initial postoperative period (while still in the hospital). Many of our patients report not needing any narcotics during their recovery.	
ibuprofen*** (Advil, Motrin) If prescription: 800mg oral tablet OR If over the counter: 200mg oral tablet	If prescription: Take 1 tablet (800mg) every 8 hours OR If over the counter: Take 4, 200mg tablets (200mg x 4 tablets = 800mg) every 8 hours	If prescription: Take as instructed for 5 days If over the counter: Take as instructed for 5 days	***While we do send a prescription to your pharmacy for 800 mg ibuprofen tablets - some pharmacies will not fill this medication because it can be purchased over the counter. If your pharmacy does not fill the prescription for 800 mg ibuprofen tablets - you will need to purchase a bottle of ibuprofen 200 mg tablets over the counter.	
acetaminophen***			***While we do send a prescription	

(Tylenol Extra Strength) 500mg oral tablet	Take 2 tablets by mouth (500mg x 2 tablets = 1000mg = 1 gram) every 8 hours	Take as instructed for 3 days	to your pharmacy for 500mg acetaminophen tablets - some pharmacies will not fill this medication because it can be purchased over the counter. If your pharmacy does not fill the prescription for 500mg acetaminophen tablets - you will need to purchase a bottle of acetaminophen (Tylenol Extra Strength) 500mg tablets over the counter.
gabapentin (Neurontin) 100mg oral capsule	Take 2 capsules by mouth every 8 hours	Take as instructed for 3 days	This is a nerve pain medication used for suppression of nerve related pain associated with your surgery.
docusate sodium or Senna*** (Colace or senokot) 100mg oral capsule ***THIS MEDICATION MUST BE PURCHASED OVER THE COUNTER AT YOUR PHARMACY	Take 1-2 capsule by mouth every 12 hours	Begin the day you arrive home from the hospital and take as directed until you have regular bowel movements	Even if you have regular bowel movements prior to having surgery, you are likely to experience post-operative constipation. Exposure to anesthetics and narcotics, alterations in your diet and fluid intake and reduced physical activity contribute to this constipation.