



# **Post-op Precautions**

# **Vaginal & Perineal Surgery**

- You may return to normal daily activities after surgery, but avoid strenuous exercise, saunas, or hot baths for 4–6 weeks.
- You may shower starting the day after surgery, but avoid using soap directly on the surgical site or rubbing the area. Instead, gently rinse with running water.

## Sitz Bath (Helps reduce swelling, bruising, and assists with disinfection)

- From the day after surgery, perform sitz baths twice daily (morning and evening) for 1 week, then once daily for 1 month.
- Prepare a sitz bath basin or a tub large enough to cover your buttocks.
- Fill with warm water and add 10cc of Betadine solution, then soak the buttocks for 10–15 minutes.
- Allow the area to air-dry completely afterward.

#### **Pelvic Floor Muscle Exercise**

• Starting 1 month after surgery, perform Kegel exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles: 5 minutes per session, 5 times per day.

#### **Additional Precautions**

- Do not touch or stimulate the surgical site.
- Avoid activities that may cause infection, bleeding, hematoma, or inflammation (eg. Crossing your legs, Squatting, Wearing tight clothing (leggings, skinny jeans, etc.))
- Some discharge or bleeding may occur after the procedure—please use sanitary pads.
- A pulling sensation around the anus is normal, and sutures may dissolve and come out naturally.

⚠ If there is heavy bleeding (enough to soak a medium pad), please visit the hospital immediately

## Restrictions

- Sexual activity may resume 6 weeks after surgery, but only after clearance from your surgeon.
- Avoid alcohol and smoking for 4–6 weeks, as these may increase the risk of bleeding and infection.

#### **Medication & Follow-up**

- Be sure to take all prescribed medications. If pain is severe, take additional painkillers as directed.
- Attend all follow-up appointments and treatment schedules. Healing progress may vary for each patient.