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IMPLANT REMOVAL

Insurance Criteria: Once it is determined that a implant removal is recommended, we encourage you to call your insurance member service number on the back of your insurance card with **Diagnosis code T85.41XA** and **Procedure code 19328** to determine the patient's out of pocket costs (copayment, deductible and coinsurance). All insurance company plans are different. Fenner is our billing company for insurance 412-788-4995. If your implants are textured or silicone, some implant manufacturers may offer assistance. There are 2 implant companies in the US: Mentor (phone 1-800-636-8678) and Allergan (phone 1-800-678-1605). You may be required to open a claim in advance of the surgery. Inform the office if you have started this process because additional paperwork may need to be completed. The manufacturer will require you to send in copies of diagnostic testing (potentially including ultrasound, needle fluid removal and evaluation, CT scan or MRI scans). If you do not have any information about your implants then please call your previous surgeon, hospital or both manufacturers and see if they have your records. Keep in mind that if your surgery occurred over 7 years ago, they may not have your records. They may ask for your driver's license information or name at the time of surgery. If your medical insurance does not cover this procedure, then you will be required to pay in advance. Tristate anesthesia (412-831-3744) and Tristate Surgery Center (724-225-8800 x110) will provide services. If pathology is needed for reports, the implants, fluid or capsule will be sent to Pathology Assoc. of Washington (412-323-4400).

Preoperative instructions: Please forward your last mammogram (it should be within last year if you are over 40. All pretesting lab work (CBC-bloodwork) must be completed within 30 days of your surgery. An EKG is required if you are over 50 and is valid for 6 months. Cardiac clearance will be required for any EKG abnormality for anesthesia. If you are over 40 years old, a mammogram is recommended. Do not use aspirin products two weeks prior to surgery; Tylenol may be substituted. Quit smoking- Smoking delays wound healing. Do not use alcohol 24 hours prior to surgery. Do not eat food or drink after midnight before surgery. Fill prescriptions prior to surgery and take as directed. Please alert the physician of any allergies to medications. Please start your antibiotics the evening prior to surgery. Pain medication may be used after surgery and will not be refilled. Do not wear make-up, jewelry, contacts or hair accessories on the day of surgery. Wear comfortable clothing and a shirt that buttons up front. You may want to begin taking a probiotic or yogurt with active cultures daily following surgery. Antibiotics can be tough on your digestive system. If you care for family or pets, make arrangements to have assistance for 7-10 days.

Tristate Surgery Center at 80 Landings Dr, Suite 101, Washington, PA 15301 will contact you via text or email to allow you to register in advance via a link

What to expect on the day of surgery? Arrive at the Tristate surgery center at the specified time. Bring your license and insurance cards. *You may be required to pay in advance.* The surgery will be performed under general anesthesia. You will receive an IV prior to surgery that will be used for fluids and medications. Your surgery will be outpatient and all patients will require someone to drive them home after surgery.

Postoperative instructions Drink plenty of fluids, preferably clear liquids, no carbonated or caffeinated drinks. We encourage you to start with liquids and then progress to solid foods. 60 gm protein is required daily. Swelling and bruising may occur. Avoid alcohol while taking medications. Take antibiotics until they are completed. Pain medication may be taken as needed and constipation may result. Magnesium citrate may be used to relieve constipation and should be used early in the morning. Do not take more than the directed amount of any medication. We suggest you eat prior to taking medications to avoid stomach upset. You may shower after 24 hours, remove gauze and leave steristrips in place. Don't submerge the wound in water. After showering, dry the areas and place gauze or kotex to the area to collect drainage and replace ace wrap for first 2 weeks. You may apply ice as needed 20 minutes on and 20 minutes off. Keep ace wrap in place all day for at least 2 weeks. The compression will help prevent a seroma (fluid collection in the open space). There will be 2 JP drains that need to be stripped, emptied and output recorded every 8 hours. Bring the recorded output to the office. Avoid strenuous activities including lifting, pushing, pulling for 4 weeks. Do not lift more than 2-3 pounds for 2 weeks. You may lift only 8 pounds (gallon of milk) for at least 1 month. Casual walking is acceptable. Driving is permitted once the patient is no longer taking pain medications. Don't smoke. Smoking delays wound healing and the sutures dissolve at 4 weeks. Notify the office if the patient has a fever of 101 or greater, chills, severe nausea and vomiting or excessive bleeding or drainage.

Follow up appointments: _____