



# Dr. Tienie van Rooyen

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## AFTERCARE INFORMATION Rhinoplasty(Nose Job)

### PREPARING FOR THE OPERATION

Please ensure that you have paid for your procedure in full atleast a week before your procedure date.

- **The day before:**
    - If you are operated in the morning, you are not allowed to eat or drink anything from 00:00 the previous night.
    - If you are operated in the afternoon, after 13:00 you can still have a light breakfast/light meal, but not later than 6am.
  - You will be notified a week before your operation of the admission and theatre time.
  - **In the ward:**
    - The anesthetist will come and see you in the ward and you will be given a tablet/suppository to minimize the pain after theatre.
  - **In the theatre:**
    - I will see you before theatre to make sure I have the right measurements.
    - A drip will be inserted through which the antibiotics, anesthesia and other medications will be given.
    - The drip will stay up until you can take fluids orally after the operation.
    - ECG stickers as well as a blood pressure cuff will be applied; this is for safe monitoring while you are under anesthesia.
    - Depending on the type of surgery you may wake up with drainage tubes.
    - When drainage tubes are inserted, the hospital/day clinic personnel will show you how to take measurements and take the reading.
- (DO NOT LEAVE WITHOUT THEM EXPLAINING THIS TO YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER)**



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**NB:** Please make sure you understand how to measure the drainage and how to empty the porto-vac before being discharged.

Measure the drainage at twelve hour intervals (preferably at 7:30 PM and 7:30 AM).

Please contact our reception every morning after you have measured the drainage and provide us with the readings for each drain separately. A staff member will then inform you if your drainage readings are low enough. If they are low enough, the staff member will inform you of an appropriate time to come in and have the drainage tubes removed.

Patients who have not yet removed their drainage tubes by Friday will receive an SMS from a cellphone number. On Saturday you can send an SMS at 8AM with the separate measurements of each drain, after which you will receive a response as to what time doctor will receive you at the consultation rooms in order to remove your drainage tubes.

- **After theatre:**

- You will go back to the ward where you were admitted.
- If you have pain or if you are nauseous please inform the nursing staff.
- I will see you in the ward after my scheduled surgeries have been completed.
- If you are well enough and had something to drink and went to the bathroom you will be discharged.
- If you do sleep over I will see you the next day before or after my scheduled surgeries.
- Sometimes I do get very busy. **Please note** that I will never forget about a patient and that patience should be practiced.

- **Your wounds:**

- There will be plasters on the wounds and over the drainage tubes. These will only be removed when the tubes are taken out.
- If you **DO NOT** have drainage tubes you may remove the plasters after 48hours or as instructed by Dr van Rooyen/his personnel.
- The plasters may not get wet when you still have the drainage tubes intact. Please be careful when bathing, as you might pull out the tubes.

## DISCHARGE/MEDICATION/SICK LEAVE:

- Depending on the procedure you will be discharged the same day or as discussed with you during consultation.
- You will receive a script for medication to take home.
- Please organize with your work that you will be on sick leave depending on the type or surgery.
- **At home:**
  - Please take it calmly for the first few days
  - If anything worries you, please contact the rooms.
  - Please do phone immediately if you experience any severe swelling, redness or bleeding.



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## THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPLICATIONS THAT CAN OCCUR DURING YOUR OPERATION:

- Seromas
- Sepsis
- Hematomas or bleeding
- Anesthetic complications

Although I do my best to prevent these complications, they are all still a possibility. I will, however, handle such complications appropriately and immediately.

You will be asked to sign consent for all operations. This is necessary due to possible complications or difficult surgeries. Please note this is the exception rather than the rule.

## FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS

1. Removal of drainage (as soon as my rooms say that you are ready)
2. 1 Week post-operative: Removal of stitches
3. 6 Week post-operative: Follow-up
4. 3 Month post-operative: Follow-up

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. It is important to see Dr van Rooyen for all follow-up appointments.
2. You have to wear a post-operative corset that is given to you after surgery for one month.(If any)
3. You should sleep with the corset for 1 week.(If receive one)
4. We sell these or similar products at the practice.
5. We should supply you with scarring cream if you are not a medical aid patient. More can be purchased at our practice. Alternatively you can use a pure vitamin E or tissue oil for scars. (Only use the cream/oil once all the scabs have completely fallen off.).
6. You can start to gym/exercise six weeks after the operation. (Unless otherwise specified by the Doctor. **PLEASE CONFIRM THIS WITH HIM**)
7. It takes six weeks for the swelling to go down but you can still be swollen and sensitive for about three months.

**Please do not hesitate to contact the rooms if you have any concerns or queries or in the case of severe swelling, bruising, redness or fever.**