HOW TO TAKE THE MEDICATIONS

Please note over the counter medications (*OTC*) need to be purchased on your own and you may not get or need the assistance from a pharmacist to obtain these prescriptions.

<u>Please start Septra DS (Tmp/Smx) the morning before the procedure date. You will continue the Septra DS after you get home. You will get intravenous antibiotics the morning of surgery.</u>

<u>Please wash the scrotal, penile and perineal skin with Hibiclens (*OTC*) solution (PINK SOAP) the night before and the morning of the procedure.</u>

The following prescriptions will be filled out and given to you after the procedure, before you leave the hospital.

Colace 100mg (OTC) (Ducosate)

Stool lubricant: With the pain medication, the majority of patients get constipated and in order to prevent this from occurring, we prescribe Colace to be taken 2 tablets 2 times a day. Please start 3 days before procedure if you have a tendency to become constipated.

Septra DS (Trimethaprim/Sulfamethoxazole)

Antibiotic. Must be taken twice a day for a total of 7 days after your surgery. You will also take some the day before surgery (see above).

Vicodin (Hydrocodone with Acetaminophen and/or APAP)

Pain medication for moderate and strong pain. To be taken after the procedure in case of onset of pain. 2 Tablets every 4-6 hours.

Dilaudid (hydromorphone)

Pain medication for severe or breakthrough pain if taking Vicodin. You may take one tablet every 3 hours for severe pain.

The medications below are over the counter (OTC) and should be purchased before you get home from the hospital.

MOM (OTC) (Milk of Magnesia)

Stool laxative to be taken if the patient has not had a bowel movement after being home for 24 hours. Use as directed.

Advil or Motrin (OTC) (ibuprofen)

You may start taking this non-narcotic pain reliever beginning 48 hours after surgery. Use this for milder pain or to supplement Percocet. Take 400mg every 8 hours as needed.