SURGICAL PROCEDURE: Rigid Esophagoscopy

INDICATIONS: ___ Persistent throat pain or difficulty swallowing
___ Diagnosis and / or biopsy of a suspicious mass in the throat
___ Changes in voice or difficulty breathing
___ Trauma to the swallowing passage
___ Foreign body removal
___ Other ________________________________

PREOPERATIVE WORK UP:
___ X-RAY STUDIES: Chest X-Ray, CAT Scan, MRI Scan
___ LAB WORK: CBC, Chem. 7, Liver Function Tests,
Coagulation Studies, Type & Screen/ Cross,
Thyroid Function Tests

ANESTHESIA: ___ GENERAL

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:
After a sedative is given, a breathing tube (otherwise known as intubation) is placed and general anesthesia is started. The endoscope is placed into the mouth for visualization of the throat. Using a telescope with a camera, the area is inspected and any suspicious tissue is biopsied. Any bleeding is controlled with pressure or topical medications. The anesthetic is allowed to wear off and the breathing tube is removed. The procedure takes approximately 30-60 minutes. Recuperation occurs in the recovery room for approximately 45 –60 minutes depending on the length of the surgery. Liquids are started when tolerated. Discharge is dependent on medical condition and liquid intake.

ADMISSION: ___ Same Day Admission
___ Observation
___ AM Admit
POSTOPERATIVE COURSE:

DIET: Clear liquids first day, advance to regular diet as tolerated

WOUND CARE: Voice rest for 24 hours

PAIN: Typically persists for 1-2 days

PRESCRITIONS: Pain Medication - (Tylenol with Codeine, Percocet) Antibiotic – As prescribed

WORK: 1-2 Weeks

DRIVING: ______________________________

EXERCISE: 2 weeks

LIFTING 2 Weeks (Greater than 25 pounds)

POST OPERATIVE VISIT: Follow up appointment in 1 week unless otherwise specified

POTENTIAL ISSUES: Bleeding

Infection

Dental injury

Airway compromise

Tear in the throat or esophagus

Pain with swallowing

Nausea, Vomiting

Dehydration

Rash

Reaction To Anesthesia

Anesthetic Complications

SPECIAL NOTE: Control of medical conditions such as high blood pressure is critical in the post-operative period as it may contribute to the above issues. If you experience any of the above, please call your surgeon’s office immediately.

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