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CARING FOR POST INJECTION VENOUS INFLAMMATION

It is uncommon for an inflammatory reaction to occur at the site of a venous puncture, usually as a result of a mild reaction to the anesthetic agents injected. This typically presents a raised, tender and hard section of vein, which occurs 2 to 14 days after the injection.

There may or may not be any limitation of motion of the hand or arm. Please note that in its common form, this condition is not an infection, nor does it mean that any "blood clots" exist in the vein.

Treatment for post-injection venous inflammation consists of:

- 1) Application of heat, heating pad or warm, moist towels, to the area.
- 2) The involved area should be elevated at rest, at a level higher than the heart.
- 3) The involved area should be rested and inactive as much as possible. This may cause some limitation of normal activities.
- 4) Antibiotics may be prescribed as a precaution. If so, be sure to take as directed and to finish the entire prescription.
- 5) Medications such as Motrin, Advil, Nuprin or aspirin are helpful in reducing the inflammation.

Please advise us immediately if any red streaks appear on the arm above the involved area, or should any soreness develop in the area of the armpit.

It is important to understand that failure to follow any of the instructions as indicated above may result in serious complications, significant detriment to your health, and in some cases, may be life threatening. Your doctor is available to answer any questions about your surgery.