



Postoperative Instructions for a Submandibular Gland Excision

1. The surgery is usually performed to remove a gland that is recurrently or chronically infected. It may also be removed for salivary gland stones or frequent swelling when eating food. Occasionally, this gland is removed because of a tumor.
2. The surgery will require about 2 hours of general anesthesia.
3. A neck skin incision is required. A dressing wrapped around the neck will be placed. It is removed the day after surgery. Skin sutures are removed after 7-10 days.
4. A drain will be placed to prevent fluid accumulation in the operative site. It will be removed 1-2 days later.
5. Temporary lower lip weakness may occur with the surgery. There is a possibility that it will be permanent. This will appear as a "crooked smile" or a decreased ability to pucker involving the lower lip.

I, _____, confirm that I have read and understand the information provided before the date of surgery.

Signature

Date