



PATIENT AFTERCARE GUIDE

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Your full, personalised advice will be given by your surgeon specific to your individual needs and you will receive written instructions prior to your surgery but here is a brief overview.

Can I go home the same day?

Depending on your general health and surgical requirements, abdominoplasty may be carried out as an overnight stay or as a day case. Your surgeon will advise you at your consultation.

When can I shower?

You can shower the day after your surgery. Your dressings are shower-proof so just gently pat them dry afterwards.

Do I need to sleep on my back following surgery?

Yes, we recommend sleeping propped up with an extra pillow or a V pillow and a pillow under your knees to take the strain off the tummy for 4 weeks.

When are my dressings and sutures removed?

You will have shower-proof dressings in place which will be removed at your 1-week follow-up appointment. The sutures are usually dissolvable so will not need to be removed.

Will I have bruising and swelling?

There will be some bruising and swelling across your tummy following your surgery. This will settle over the next few weeks but can take up to 3 months to completely settle.

How long will it be before I see the final results?

Your tummy will feel firm and tight following surgery. The final results will be seen when this fully settles which takes around 3 months. Scars take up to 12-18 months to fully mature.

How long do I need to take off work?

We recommend up to 2-4 weeks off work and longer for more physically active jobs. Bearing in mind, any strenuous lifting or exercise cannot be performed until 3 months after your surgery.

Can I still exercise?

Any form of physical exercise should be avoided for 6-8 weeks.

Can I drive after surgery?

We suggest no sooner than 2 weeks before you can drive but only if you feel very comfortable. Check with your car insurance that you are covered.

Who do I contact in an emergency?

We give our patients a direct number for your surgeon on discharge. You can use this if you are concerned about anything overnight. We give you a call the next day to check on you, and you can contact the clinic between your follow-up appointments.

Do I need to buy a support garment?

We provide you with a support garment following your surgery which we fit on the day.

How long do I wear the support garment for?

Apart from showering, we recommend that you wear it day and night for up to 6 weeks.





IMPORTANT NOTICE

This aftercare guide provides general information to support your recovery following treatment at LASE Cosmetic. Every patient is different, and your clinical team will provide personalised guidance specific to your procedure, health, and circumstances.

Always follow the specific verbal and written instructions given to you by your consultant or practitioner. If there is any conflict between this guide and your personal aftercare instructions, follow your personal instructions and contact your LASE clinical team to clarify.

This document does not replace medical advice. If you are ever in doubt about your recovery, please contact us.