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## Endovascular Aneurysm Repair

Endovascular stent grafting is a procedure in which a stent graft (a tube composed of a synthetic fiber covered by a wire mesh) was placed inside of your aneurysm. The stent graft prevents rupture of the aneurysm.

### Activity

- You may resume normal daily activity
- No strenuous activity or lifting of heavy objects for 2 weeks
- You may resume driving after 7 days if you feel well enough and are not taking any narcotic pain medication.
- You may shower 72 hours after the procedure. No tub baths or swimming until the incisions are completely healed (approx. 2 weeks).

### Care for Your Incision

- Incisions are made in each groin to allow for placement of the stent graft.
  - These incisions are closed with sutures or staples.
  - These incisions are closed with dissolvable sutures. The skin is then closed with steri strips, pieces of paper tape. The steri strips should fall off in 7 days. If they do not fall off you may remove them after 7 days.
- It is normal for the incisions to be slightly tender, pink and bruised. If you notice increased tenderness, warmth, redness or drainage of pus you should notify your surgeon's office.

### Fever

- You may experience a low-grade fever 7 – 10 days after your procedure. If the fever is higher than 101.5 F, you should contact your surgeon's office.

### Preventative Antibiotics

- Please notify your dentist and primary care physician that you have a stent graft in place. A preventive dose of antibiotics prior to dental work and other invasive procedures is recommended to prevent the graft from potentially becoming infected.

### When to Call Your Physician

- Fevers greater than 101.5 F or chills
- Redness, increased swelling, tenderness or drainage of pus from the groin incisions
- Severe or unusual leg pain, numbness, coldness, or weakness
- Severe or unusual abdominal or back pain

For questions, please call The Center for Vascular Diseases [\(508\)673-4329](tel:5086734329)



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