

Gynecologic Oncology

Managing Medications After Surgery



Restart your home medications as instructed by your doctor. While most home medications can be restarted after surgery, certain medications should be held for a few days. Your doctor will discuss with you if you need to wait to restart any medications.

Pain Medication After Surgery

These medications should be taken on a regular schedule to prevent pain:

- **Ibuprofen 600 mg by mouth every 6 hours (or Ibuprofen 800 mg by mouth every 8 hours).** You can take 3 tabs of OTC ibuprofen (200 mg tabs), or your doctor may prescribe 600 mg tablets

Some patients also need an additional scheduled medication to prevent pain:

- **Acetaminophen 1000 mg by mouth every 8 hours.** You can take 2 tabs of OTC Tylenol (500 mg tabs), or your doctor may prescribe these

The following medication should be taken as needed when your pain level is 6 or above, and the above medications aren't controlling your pain:

- **Oxycodone 5 mg by mouth every 4 hours AS NEEDED for post-operative pain.** Most patients take oxycodone for 1-3 days after surgery, but some people need it for a little longer. You may or may not require oxycodone at home, depending on how long you stay in the hospital.

If these medications are not controlling your pain, or if your pain is acutely worsening, call your