

## **Neck Surgery**

### **Post-operative instructions:**

1. No exertional activity for 2 weeks after surgery.
2. Keep incision lines clean with gentle washing and pat dry.
3. Use antibiotic ointment over the incision line if prescribed.
4. Take any prescribed antibiotic as directed.

### **What to expect:**

1. There will be mild numbness and swelling over the operative site for 2 weeks following surgery. The area will feel firm to touch.
2. Discomfort on chewing or mouth-opening is common.
3. There may be a small amount of bloody ooze from the incision or drain sites for a few days following surgery.

### **Contact the rooms of Mr Walsh or present to an emergency department if:**

1. You have steadily worsening pain, bleeding or swelling at the operative site.
2. You experience weakness of mouth or eye movement.
3. You develop a dry or irritated eye on the same side as the operation.
4. You develop a hoarse voice, or difficulty chewing or swallowing.
5. You develop difficulty breathing or noisy breathing.
6. You have any adverse reactions to prescribed medication.