

## **Orthopedics Associates Surgery Center**

## POST OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS PAIN PUMP REMOVAL

- 1. You have a special catheter with a small plastic tubing that delivers medication to your surgical site to help with your pain.
- 2. You do not need to do anything with the catheter for 48 hours from your surgery.
- 3. At 48 hours, you will need to carefully remove your dressing and you will find tape holding the catheter to your skin. Remove the tape, then pull out the tubing (it is about 3-6 inches long). Discard the catheter and the pump.
- 4. Place a band-aid over the small hole where the catheter was located. Leave the other stitches alone.