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<u>Instructions for skin reduction to thighs</u>

- 1. Please return home and limit activities for 24 hours. Have someone assist you.
- 2. You may start with liquids as tolerated and progress to solid food if there is no nausea.
- 3. Take the prescribed pain medication as needed. Do not take pain medication on an empty stomach. Alcohol must be avoided while taking any form of pain medication.
- 4. Swelling and bruising are expected. Please keep the dressings secure.
- 5. Apply ice packs to the incision area for 48 hours.
- 6. Okay to shower 48 hours after surgery. Reapply the compression garment after your shower. A compression garment should be worn on the thighs for at least 3 weeks to get the best result.

If you have any questions post-operatively, please give me a call at 767-7575