

PEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SPINE FUSION CHECKLIST

INPATIENT NURSE PRACTITIONER CHECKLIST

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YES NO

- Patient received IV antibiotics x 24 hours post-op then they were d/c'd.
- Foley d/c'd POD # 1 (if possible) or POD # 2 (at latest).
- Drains d/c'd when drainage is <100 cc per nursing shift (POD # 1 /POD # 2).
- IV Toradol was initiated at 24 hours POD # 1 WITH ATTENDING APPROVAL.
- EKG (portable) ordered/done POD # 1 in prep for possible Methadone.

YES NO

- Standing Scoliosis X rays ordered, completed and reviewed prior to d/c home.
- Surgical spine dressing changed to Aquacel prior to d/c home.
- Reviewed specific activity restrictions for home.
- Reviewed NO dressing changes until first post-op visit (reinforce PRN).

YES NO

- VNS and PT/OT orders for home - provided patient/family with necessary Rx's.
- Provide patient with all necessary Rx's for home (pain meds and bowel regimen).

YES NO

- Review all discharge medications with patient and family (dose, schedule, taper, SE's).
- Review when to call Peds Ortho (increased drainage, redness, swelling, pain and/or fever >101).
- Confirm that family knows to call Peds Ortho to make follow up appt, 212-305-9757/305-4787).
- All spine patients know to follow up with NP/PA in 7 -10 days.