

**B R A I N T U M O R C E N T E R**  
AT SAINT JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER

**Post-operative care after brain tumor or pituitary tumor surgery:**  
(What to expect and follow-up appointments)

- **After craniotomy:**
  - Most patients will spend at least one night in the intensive care unit (ICU) and then typically 2 or 3 additional nights on a regular (non-ICU) ward.
  - You will likely have some incisional pain and mild to moderate headache for which you will be given pain medication.
  - You may have a CT scan or MRI before your discharge home.
  - Your first follow-up appointment with Dr. Kelly will be 2 - 3 weeks after surgery.
  - Your 2<sup>nd</sup> follow-up appointment with Dr. Kelly will typically be 2 - 3 months after surgery.
  - Additional follow-up appointments with other specialists will be arranged as needed .
  - (See also Discharge Instructions After Craniotomy)
  
- **After endonasal transsphenoidal surgery:**
  - Most patients will spend two nights on a regular (non-ICU) ward.
  - You will typically have some incisional pain if you had an abdominal fat graft taken and mild to moderate headache for which you will be given pain medication; nasal congestion and some bloody nasal drainage is also common.
  - You may have a CT scan or MRI before your discharge home.
  - Your first follow-up appointment with Dr. Kelly will be 2 - 3 weeks after surgery.
  - Your second follow-up appointment with Dr. Kelly will typically be 2 - 3 months after surgery.
  - Additional follow-up appointments with other specialists will be arranged as needed.
  - (See also Discharge Instructions After Endonasal Surgery)

For additional information, please visit [www.brain-tumor.org](http://www.brain-tumor.org) or contact our office at 310-582-7450.

Thank you.