

## WHAT MIGHT OCCUR AFTER A PELLETT INSERTION (MALE)

A significant hormonal transition will occur in the first four weeks after the insertion of your hormone pellets. Therefore, certain changes might develop that can be bothersome.

- **FLUID RETENTION:** Testosterone stimulates the muscle to grow and retain water which may result in a weight change of two to five pounds. This is only temporary. This happens frequently with the first insertion, and especially during hot, humid weather conditions.
- **SWELLING of the HANDS & FEET:** This is common in hot and humid weather. It may be treated by drinking lots of water, reducing your salt intake, taking cider vinegar capsules daily, (found at most health and food stores) or by taking a mild diuretic, which the office can prescribe.
- **MOOD SWINGS/IRRITABILITY:** These may occur if you were quite deficient in hormones. They will disappear when enough hormones are in your system.
- **FACIAL BREAKOUT:** Some pimples may arise if the body is very deficient in testosterone. This lasts a short period of time and can be handled with a good face cleansing routine, astringents and toner. If these solutions do not help, please call the office for suggestions and possibly prescriptions.
- **HAIR LOSS:** Is rare and usually occurs in patients who convert testosterone to DHT. Dosage adjustment generally reduces or eliminates the problem. Prescription medications may be necessary in rare cases.

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### Post-Insertion Instructions for Men

- Your insertion site has been covered with two layers of bandages. The inner layer is a steri-strip and the outer layer is a waterproof dressing.
- We recommend putting an ice pack on the insertion area a couple of times for about 20 minutes each time over the next 4 to 5 hours. You can continue for swelling if needed. *Be sure to place something between the ice pack and your bandages/skin. Do not place ice packs directly on bare skin.*
- No tub baths, hot tubs, or swimming pools for **7 days**. You may shower, but do not scrub the site until the incision is well healed (about 7 days).
- **No major exercises for the incision area for 7 days.** This includes running, elliptical, squats, lunges, etc. You can do moderate upper body work and walking.
- The sodium bicarbonate in the anesthetic may cause the site to swell for 1-3 days.
- The insertion site may be uncomfortable for up to 2 to 3 weeks. If there is itching or redness you may take Benadryl for relief, 50 mg. orally every 6 hours. Caution this can cause drowsiness!
- You may experience bruising, swelling, and/or redness of the insertion site which may last from a few days up to 2 to 3 weeks.
- You may notice some pinkish or bloody discoloration of the outer bandage. This is normal.
- If you experience bleeding from the incision, apply firm pressure for 5 minutes.
- Please call if you have any bleeding (not oozing) not relieved with pressure, as this is NOT normal.
- Please call if you have any pus coming out of the insertion site, as this is NOT normal.

#### Reminders:

- Remember to go for your post-insertion blood work **4 weeks** after the insertion.
- Most men will need re-insertions of their pellets **5-6 months** after their initial insertion.
- Please call to make an appointment for re-insertion as soon as symptoms that were relieved from the pellets start to return. The charge for the second visit will be only for the insertion, not a consultation.

#### Additional Instructions:

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I acknowledge that I have received a copy and understand the instructions on this form.



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