

Surgical site: check for bleeding, swelling, infection

3.Common Postoperative Complications

Hemorrhage:

Sudden drop in BP, rapid HR, cold skin

Infection: Redness, pus, fever; prevent via sterile technique

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT): Leg swelling, pain; prevent via early ambulation

Pulmonary Embolism: Shortness of breath, chest pain

Urinary Retention: No voiding for 6–8 hours post-surgery

4.Nursing Interventions

Monitor vitals every 15–30 mins initially

Maintain airway and ensure oxygen delivery

Administer pain meds and reposition patient

Encourage deep breathing and coughing exercises

Assist with early ambulation

Change dressings using aseptic technique

Monitor fluid intake and promote hydration

Offer emotional support and reassurance

5.Patient Education

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