What to Expect After Brain Aneurysm Surgery and Pain Management

A brain aneurysm occurs when a blood vessel in the brain begins to bulge. Many brain aneurysms cause no problems, but sometimes rupture or leak. It can be life threatening and cause brain damage. <u>Brain aneurysm surgery</u> involves putting a clamp on the vein where it begins to bulge.

Spruckit vs. unbroken Aneurysm

If an aneurysm ruptures, surgery must be done immediately and is more dangerous. Patients will need to stay in the hospital longer. If surgery is performed before aneurysm ruptures, there is less risk and patients will be released soon.

Neurosurgical intensive care unit

Patients stay in a recovery room for a few hours after surgery before being transferred to the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit (NICU), where they will be closely monitored. Patients with an unbroken aneurysm usually stay in the NICU for 24 to 48 hours. Patients who had a ruptured aneurysm will stay in the NICU much longer.

neurological Floor

Patients are then transferred to the neurological floor for at least a week, perhaps much longer. Where doctors will evaluate how much damage has been caused by the aneurysm and determine if rehabilitation is needed.

Rehabilitation

Patients with an unbroken aneurysm may require some rehabilitation. However, those with ruptured aneurysms may require weeks or months of rehab. Rehabilitation can include physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech

therapy and neuropsychological treatment that work to improve skills such as memory and concentration.

Forecast

Some patients make a complete recovery, while others will always have some degree of deterioration. Prognosis varies depending on whether the aneurysm has ruptured and the extent of the damage.

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