## RADICAL ORCHIECTOMY, HERNIA SURGERY, VARICOCELE SURGERY OR OTHER GROIN SURGERIES

- 1. These procedures are done through an inguinal (or groin) incision.
- 2. Skin sutures are usually dissolvable.
- 3. Swelling of the incision can be minimized by placing ice packs on the incision (30 minutes on / 30minutes off while awake for the first 48 hours).
- 4. If steri-strips (white parallel tapes across the wound) have been placed, they will fall off on their own in a week or 2. If they are still on after 2 weeks, peel them off.
- 5. Generally, it is OK to shower 48 hours after procedure.
- 5. Common issues:
  - A firm ridge under the incision- this is normal healing and will take several weeks to go away
  - Swelling of the scrotum on the affected side
- 6. Warning signs:
  - Pus draining from wound
  - Sever and spreading redness around wound
  - Fever > 101.5F
  - Shaking Chills