

## **SURGICAL PROTOCOL**

If you're having any medical procedure and you might be prescribed opioid pain medications, please do the following:

1. Notify the doctor doing the procedure that you are being prescribed buprenorphine (Suboxone, Subutex).
2. Stop the buprenorphine **at least 24 hours before** the surgery so the opioid pain medications will work.
3. If you **DO NOT USE** opioid pain medications and the doctor who performed the procedure says it is okay, then you can restart the buprenorphine when the procedure is done.
4. If you **DO USE** any opioid pain medications, then you must be sure that you stop all the opioid pain medications at least 24 hours before restarting the buprenorphine to avoid a severe precipitated withdrawal.
5. If you receive **any** medication prescriptions (pain, etc.), call Dr. Mitchell and tell him about them even if you don't fill them. NOTE: Tramadol, Ultram and Ultracet are opioids.