

Parathyroidectomy for Renal Patients

(What you need to know about your medications after)

- ❖ It is very important that you take calcium pills and calcitriol (a form of vitamin D) after your glands are removed. If the calcium levels in your body get too low, you could become very sick.
- ❖ **Get medical help right away if you feel any tingling around your mouth or in your hands, muscle twitching or cramping.** These are all signs that your calcium level is too low. If not treated, you could have a seizure or start an abnormal heart rhythm.
- ❖ You will need blood work more often than your normal routine for the first few months.
- ❖ There may also be some pills that you no longer need to take now that your glands have been removed. **Before you go home make sure you know:**
 - Which pills to take and how often to take them.
 - Which pills you are supposed to stop taking.
- ❖ Contact your dialysis or Kidney health unit for any questions about your pills or your blood work.

Notes: