

## **NOSEBLEEDS HOME CARE**

- 1. Keep your head elevated.
  - a. Bend at the knees, not at the waist.
  - b. Do not stoop or bend to lift heavy objects.
  - c. Keep your head above your heart.
- 2. No nose blowing.
  - a. Avoid Kleenex in and around your nose
  - b. Keep your fingernails cut short.
- 3. Sneeze with your mouth open.
- 4. Nasal Saline spray.
  - a. Keep the inside of your nose moist. Use the saline every 2 hours. Be gentle
- 5. Afrin or other topical decongestant.
  - a. 2 sprays every 12 hours for 3 days. <u>THEN STOP.</u>
    Sometimes this may not be prescribed ask your doctor.
- 6. A & D ointment or KY Jelly in your nose at night.
  - a. Put a small amount on your fingertip and gently put on the nasal septum at bedtime. The septum is the midline wall that separates the two sides of your nose.
- 7. Sometimes mucus thinners will be prescribed.
- 8. Room humidification during the Winter is a recommended.