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Surgery Worksheet

1. & 2.) My patient was having a Bariatric Lap Band (put in May of 2002) removed, and a hiatal hernia repaired. The patient was experiencing GERD and dysphagia due to the hiatal hernia. During the surgery the doctor used the robot to fix the hernia and remove the lap band. It was really impressive to see how well he was able to cut, maneuver, cauterize and hold on to different parts of the patient's abdominal area. The lap band removal was not an easy task, it had been there so long that tissue and fat had grown around it. The doctor had also mentioned how he had never seen a lap band like hers. A surgery that was only supposed to last an hour, hour and a half, ended up taking about 3 hours. I loved how everyone worked together as a team and just knew what to do and when to do it.

3. Respiratory: Incentive spirometer and Cough, turn, deep breathe
DVT: SCD's and ambulate patient
Pain: regular pain assessment and pain medication