Step 1: Discuss the study with the researcher and sign a consent form.

Step 2: Complete information packet so we may learn more about you – bring this packet with you on your day of surgery.

Step 3: A member of the research team will meet you to collect your information packet.

Step 4: You will receive either Gabapentin or Placebo.

Step 5: You will receive either Gabapentin or Placebo (inactive sugar pill) for 72 hours after surgery. A member of the research team will visit you each day to ask about your pain and any side effects.

Step 6: Follow-up

A member of the research team will call you daily, weekly, or monthly to ask you brief questions until your pain goes away and you are no longer using pain medication.

Once a month there may be slightly longer, scheduled phone calls.

Occasionally, we may mail you questionnaires, or ask to schedule a longer phone interview with a study doctor or research assistant.

After you complete the study, we may contact you up to once every 6 months to see how you are doing.

Your participation will continue until your pain goes away and you are no longer using pain medication.

We greatly appreciate your help with this important research study.

You may choose to stop participating at any time.

It is our responsibility to get in touch with you for your follow-up questions.

Please do not hesitate to ask us questions at any time – call 650-723-8322, page 415-607-1549, or email snapl@stanford.edu.