



Biopsy and Shave Removal Care Instructions

WOUND CARE

The bandage should remain in place until the next morning at which time you should remove the bandage and clean the area twice daily as follows:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Clean the wound gently with soap and water, and then pat dry.
3. Apply a liberal amount of Bacitracin antibiotic ointment or other recommended ointment (Aquaphor, Vaseline, Mupirocin, Erythromycin, Clindamycin_____) to the wound.
4. Cover the area with a band-aid, rotating its orientation with each bandage change to avoid irritation from the adhesive.

Continue to clean the area as directed above for 1-2 weeks. After 2 weeks, to obtain the best cosmetic outcome and to avoid allergy development to the topical antibiotic, continue to keep the healing wound moist with Aquaphor or Vaseline (instead of Bacitracin) for up to one month. If the wound becomes red and very itchy, you may be developing an allergy to the Bacitracin or other topical antibiotic. If this happens, please call our office, stop using the Bacitracin (or other prescribed topical antibiotic) and switch to Aquaphor or Vaseline.

BLEEDING

A small amount of bleeding is normal. If bleeding persists, apply firm pressure over the bandage for 15 - 30 minutes without interruption. If bleeding continues apply firm pressure for another 30 minutes. If this persists please call our office.

BIOPSY RESULTS

You will be called with your biopsy results within two weeks. No news is no news: If you have not been notified after two weeks, or have further questions, please call our office. We are here to assist you!