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Wound Care Instructions

Post-Operative Instructions for Electrodessication and Curettage (Scrape and Burn)

WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR TREATMENT

- Leave bandaid / bandage in place till the following morning, at which time one can remove it and shower if desired.
- You may resume normal activity as long as there is no discomfort.
- **If the wound bleeds**, apply firm and continuous pressure to the bandage for **10 minutes**. The bleeding should stop and the wound may be redressed. This may need to be repeated if bleeding is not initially controlled.
- Keeping an antibiotic ointment on the area allows it to heal more quickly. You should apply an antibiotic ointment (e.g., Bacitracin, Polysporin, Neosporin) to any non-healed or scabbed areas at least two times a day until the areas are completely healed. We advise that the treated area should be covered by a band-aid or a non-stick bandage, especially for the first 2-3 weeks after treatment. After this time, bandage is optional.
- You should wash the treated areas with only a mild soap or cleanser and tap water.
- You should avoid contact with any products containing alcohol on the wound (e.g., toners, astringents) as they may irritate any treated areas.
- You should avoid excessive sun exposure and use a sunscreen over the area treated to protect against possible discoloration.

WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOUR TREATMENT

- The treated area usually takes 3-5 weeks to heal completely.
- If you experience any pain after the initial procedure, we recommend Tylenol. Please do not take Aspirin or Ibuprofen (Advil / Motrin) for this pain for at least 2 days after your procedure, unless you are taking these medications as prescribed for another medical condition.
- If the treated area becomes red / painful after the first 4-5 days post-treatment, the wound may be infected and should be evaluated in our office.

IF ANY POST TREATMENT SYMPTOMS PERSIST, PLEASE CALL 909 981 8929