

Instructions for the Care of Your Surgery Site

1. The gauze dressing and tape applied immediately following the procedure should be left in place 48 hours.
2. You may notice bright red drainage on the dressing a few hours following the procedure. This is normal once the anesthetic has worn off. If the drainage soaks through the dressing and continues, please notify our office.
3. After 48 hours you may remove your dressings and get the surgery site wet.
4. To keep the incision lines clean, we suggest cleansing the area morning and evening for 7-14 days with the following:
 - Using a Q-tip or gauze pad, cleanse with hydrogen peroxide
 - Rinse with Normal saline or water
 - Apply a thin coat of antibiotic ointment
 - Cover with gauze and tape
5. Observe the site for signs of infection such as increasing warmth or redness compared to the surrounding skin. Call the office with these changes.
6. Please avoid any pressure directly over the surgery site (i.e. snug clothing or sleeping on the site for 14 days following the procedure).
7. Your follow-up appointment should be made for two weeks following the procedure.
8. If we have sent a specimen to the pathology lab, we will notify you with the results as soon as we receive them.

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