

Wound Care for Minor Procedures

- Keep your bandage on until tomorrow.
- Until the wound is healed, cleanse the area gently with regular soap and water daily.
- Apply a thin layer of Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Polysporin ointment to the area, and then cover with a bandage. Change the bandage twice a day and keep it dry. If it becomes wet, change the bandage as soon as possible.
- There may be a mild discomfort associated with the procedure. If necessary, you may take Tylenol (acetaminophen).
- If any bleeding occurs, use a cotton ball or gauze and press firmly over the site for 15-20 minutes. Do NOT remove the pressure before 15 minutes. If the bleeding does not stop after this is repeated 2-3 times, please contact our office.
- If irritation occurs from the bandage, please stop using the bandage, but continue applying the ointment.
- It is normal for the wound to be pink/red and a little tender while it is healing. If you develop pain, oozing pus, or fever, please contact our office. Increasing pain in the area after 3-4 days may be a sign of infection.
- After 1-2 weeks, the area should be healed leaving shiny, pink skin. This will slowly pale so the final cosmetic result of the scar may not be apparent for several months.
- You should be contacted in approximately 7-10 days with your test results.
- *If you had stitches placed:* Remember to return for suture removal as directed. Typically it is around 7-10 days after the procedure for the face and neck, and 12-16 days for after the procedure for the body.

We want you to have an outstanding result. If you have any questions or unexpected concerns, or if you do not receive your results, please call the office for assistance.