Shave Biopsy, Punch Biopsy, and Electrodessication and Curettage Wound Care
Patient Education

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What You Will Need

• Ointment such as Polysporin, Neosporin, Bacitracin, Vaseline, or Aquaphor (available over the counter)
• Gauze padding or bandage and tape (available at pharmacies or drug stores)

Taking Care of Your Wound

• Keep the bandage in place for 24 hours. Do not get it wet. If the bandage gets wet, remove it and apply ointment and a fresh bandage.
• After 24 hours, do the following every day for at least one week:
  1. Remove bandage.
  2. Wash hands.
  3. Wash wound gently with soap and water.
  4. Apply new ointment and bandage.
  5. Wash hands.
• If you have stitches, make sure you have a follow-up appointment to have them removed. If you do not have an appointment, call 801-585-0206.

More Information

• Bleeding – If you bleed through the bandage, leave it in place and put firm and constant pressure on it for 15 minutes. If the bleeding does not stop, call your doctor or nurse.
• Infection – Call your doctor if you have any of the following:
  – Swelling or redness
  – Fever of 101 degrees F or higher
  – An opening in the wound
  – Heat coming from the wound
  – A bad smell or yellow-green ooze
  – Increased pain not relieved by acetaminophen such as Tylenol

Special Instructions

We will contact you with pathology results within two weeks.
We will contact you by phone or letter. Due to privacy laws, no messages will be left on your phone.

If you have questions you can reach a dermatology nurse during office hours by calling 801-585-0137.
After hours, please call the hospital operator at 801-581-2121 and ask for the dermatologist on call.

For more information call 1-888-424-2100 or visit www.huntsmancancer.org
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