

DERMATOLOGY

— *& Skin Health* —

Wound Care for Wound Care for ED&C

ED&C is a procedure commonly used for treating mild skin cancers. It stands for electrodesiccation and curettage.

The wound takes from 3 to 6 weeks to heal, sometimes even longer on the legs.

Ideally, the following care can usually be followed -- however in certain circumstances the protocol may be changed depending on your response.

- Keep the wound covered with a small bandage (e.g. Bandaid).
- Change the dressing each day, applying an antibiotic salve each time (Bacitracin or Polysporin). You may gently wash the wound if desired.
- It is OK to get the wound wet, but make sure you change the dressing if it does get wet -- you do not want to leave a wet dressing on the skin.
- The first couple weeks the wound is likely to ooze a yellowish fluid.
- A small amount of pus is OK, but the wound should NOT hurt. It may be tender to the touch.
- Some redness will develop around the wound; up to about 1/4 inch rim of redness is OK.

Please contact our office for any of the following

- Pain in the wound
- Redness extending more than about 1/4 inch from the edge of the wound
- Large amounts of pus
- Swelling of the wound or the area around it
- If, for any reason, you don't think the wound is healing or behaving like it should