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MOHS POST-OPERATIVE CARE FOR SECONDARY INTENTION WOUNDS

- After surgery, go home and take it easy. Keep the initial dressing dry and intact for 48 hours.
- Elevating the surgical site will help reduce swelling.
- Pain should be mild and manageable with Extra-Strength Tylenol or ibuprofen
- After 48 hours, change the dressing once daily using the following steps until the surgical site is healed:
 - Shower with the bandage in place, allowing the water to help loosen the adhesive.
 - Gently remove the bandage.
 - Wash the surgical site daily with mild soap and water. Use something with texture (gauze or clean washcloth) to wash, as this will remove drainage and stimulate wound healing.
 - Because this is an open wound, use a dedicated bar of soap or liquid soap to avoid contamination, which could lead to infection. Rinse with clean water.
 - After washing, apply a thin layer of Aquaphor or Vaseline with a Q-tip to the wound. Do not use your fingers to apply! Do not allow a scab to form - this will prolong healing.
 - Cover the wound with a Band-Aid or non-stick gauze pad and paper tape.
- Healing will occur from the edges inward and the bottom up. Expect healing to take several weeks to heal completely. Expect some slight pink/yellow-tinged drainage while healing. This is normal and will diminish as the healing progresses.
- Please notify your provider if any signs or symptoms of infection occur: redness extending away from the wound, the area is warm to the touch, drainage with a foul odor, significant swelling, and/or a fever.
- Spotting on the bandage is normal. If the bandage becomes saturated or oozing occurs, apply constant, firm pressure directly to the wound for 20 minutes. If bleeding continues, reapply pressure for another 20 minutes. If not resolved, please contact the office.

Suture Removal Follow Up Skin Exam Mohs

Date: _____ Time: _____ Provider: _____

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office.

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