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MOHS POST-OPERATIVE CARE FOR STAPLED SCALP WOUNDS

- Keep the area dry for 48 hours.
- Apply ice for 20 minutes every 1-2 hours for the first day.
- Postoperative pain is typically minimal and can be managed with Extra Strength Tylenol and by icing the area.
- Keep the surgical site elevated to minimize swelling.
- 48 hours after surgery, clean the surgical site using the following steps:
 - Shower and gently shampoo over the surgical site.
 - Comb hair carefully to avoid catching on the staples.
 - Pat dry, and with a Q-tip, apply a thin layer of Aquaphor or Vaseline.
 - Repeat for 7-10 days.
- Spotting is normal. If the bandage becomes saturated or oozing occurs, apply firm pressure directly to the wound for at least 20 minutes. Keep the pressure constant without letting go. If bleeding continues, reapply pressure for another 20 minutes. If not resolved, please contact the office.
- Do not let the wound dry and “air out” to form a scab. This will result in a slower healing process, with a more noticeable scar.
- Please contact our office, regardless of the time of day, should the following symptoms occur: redness spreading away from the wound, tenderness, if the surgical site is warm to the touch, drainage with a foul odor, and/or a fever.
- Sometimes, an absorbable suture can be “spit out” instead of being broken down by the body. Spitting sutures can feel like a sharp spot, may have a pimple or red bump appearance, or be a non-healing area. If you notice this happening, please let us know.

Suture Removal Follow Up Skin Exam Mohs

Date: _____ Time: _____ Provider: _____

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