



AFTER CARE

Mohs Graft Post-Operative Care

- Keep the initial dressing dry and intact for **48 hours after the procedure**.
- Postoperative pain is typically minimal and can be managed with Extra Strength Tylenol and/or ibuprofen. **DO NOT USE ICE.** Ice can cause the graft to die.
- Keep the surgical site elevated to minimize swelling.
- 48 hours after surgery, change the dressing once daily using the following steps:
 - Gently remove the bandage. You can do this in the shower to loosen the adhesive.
 - Wash the area using soap and water.
 - If you have Steri-Strips, clean over them gently. No need to remove them – they will fall off on their own over the next few days.
 - Pat dry, and with a Q-tip, apply a thin layer of Aquaphor or Vaseline.
 - Cover the area with a non-stick gauze pad and tape or Band-Aid.
 - Repeat for _____ days.
- Spotting on the bandage is normal, but if the bandage is saturated or oozing occurs, apply firm pressure directly to the wound for at least 20 minutes uninterrupted. If bleeding continues, reapply pressure for another 20 minutes. If not resolved, please contact the office.
 - **If you cannot get the bleeding to stop, please call (603)742-5556 extension 112 and/ or extension 118.** If no one picks up, please leave a message on both lines. If it is anytime after hours (even the middle of the night), please call (603)742-5556 and choose the option to page the on-call physician.
- Do not let the wound dry and “air out”. This will result in a slower healing process with a more noticeable scar. If a scab forms, do not pick it off. Continue Vaseline/Aquaphor daily until all crusting is gone.
- 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.
- If you have any questions or concerns we also have a texting service that you can utilize to send photos of your site. The number is 601-808-5701. Please include your name and date of birth with your text.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at 603-742-5556.