



AFTER CARE

Mohs Post-Operative Care for Secondary Intention Wounds

After Care Instructions:

- After surgery keep the initial dressing dry and intact for 24 hours.
- Elevating the surgical site will help reduce swelling and help healing.
- Pain should be mild and manageable with Extra-Strength Tylenol or ibuprofen
- After 24 hours, change the dressing once daily using the following steps until the surgical site is healed (this can take up to 3 months):
 - 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.
 - 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 bottom up first, then start closing in on the sides. Expect healing to take several weeks to months 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: New or worsening pain, 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.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at 603-742-5556. You can also text us at 601-808-5701. Please include your name and date of birth with the text.