



AFTER CARE

Mohs Post-Operative Care for Stapled Wounds

After Care Instructions:

- Keep the bandage in place and dry for 24 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, ibuprofen, and by icing the area.
- Keep the surgical site elevated to minimize swelling and help healing.
- 24 hours after surgery, remove the bandage and clean the surgical site using the following steps:
 - Shower and gently shampoo over the surgical site. Rinse well.
 - 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 daily until you come back to get the staples removed (around 14-21 days)
- Spotting is normal. If the bandage becomes saturated with blood or oozing occurs, apply firm pressure directly to the wound for at least 20 minutes uninterrupted. Keep the pressure constant without letting go. 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" 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: New or worsening pain, redness spreading away from the wound, if the surgical site is warm to the touch, drainage with a foul odor, and/or a fever.

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.