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### **HOW TO TREAT YOUR WOUND/MOHS SURGERY**

#### **BIOPSIES**

Leave bandage on until chance of bleeding is past. Carefully remove. Apply pressure if bleeding occurs. Call the Office Monday thru Tuesday for biopsy report (806-797-6631).  
Biopsy site can be cleansed the following day during shower or bath and bacitracin may be applied.

#### **SUTURE/STERI-STRIP WOUND CARE**

Leave bandage on for three days. If bandage falls off, cover with a band-aid. Remove outer large tape, gauze, and Telfa carefully. If Telfa is stuck, trim edges as much as you can. Do not remove steri-strips which are over skin. Keep wound dry. If showering, cover temporarily with plastic wrap and tape. No outer dressing is necessary. You may take Tylenol or Motrin for pain.

#### **SKIN GRAFTS OR EXPOSED CARTILAGE**

Apply Bacitracin Ointment with a Q-Tip daily to keep wound moist. Keep covered with Telfa and tape or band-aid as needed. Continue until cartilage completely covers over with red granulation tissue. You may take Tylenol or Motrin for pain. **Continue the same with grafts until sutures are removed.**

#### **LIQUID NITROGEN**

- Expect possible blisters, scab formation and/or mild pain and tenderness for 24 hours to 48 hours.
- Avoid excess cleansing.
- May leave light colored scar.
- Does not always remove lesion from the skin. Additional treatment may be necessary.
- Call if area is not satisfactory.

#### **BOLSTER REMOVAL**

Bolster- Pressure bandage tied over closure by sutures. To remove bolster, take off cover tape and gauze. Cut sutures down the middle over the gauze roll with scissors. The gauze should come loose. If the gauze does not come off, soak with peroxide to loosen bandage. Leave steri-strips in place until they fall off. Cover with band-aid if desired. Leave uncovered if no bleeding or drainage is present.

**HAVING TROUBLE? CALL ANYTIME: (806) 797-6631**

**Emergency Contact: Dr. Bloom Cell (806) 543-5100 or (806) 441-9201**