



## CURETTAGE WITH ELECTRODESICCATION WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Your skin tumor has been removed by a surgical technique called “CURETTAGE WITH ELECTRODESICCATION”. This procedure yields a very high cure rate with an acceptable degree of post-surgical scarring. We have chosen to use this technique for your treatment because it is the most suitable solution.

The area was anesthetized (numbed) with Lidocaine, which will wear off in 30-90 minutes. There may be mild to moderate discomfort, which is usually controlled by acetaminophen (Tylenol). If your surgery is more extensive, pain control may require prescription pain medication. If pain is severe or worsens after the first 2-4 hours, please call our office.

Home care is very important to minimize pain, risk of infection and scarring. You will need to use Polysporin or Vaseline Petroleum Jelly and bandages.

1. Remove the initial bandage if blood or serum soaks through the next day after surgery.
2. Soak a gauze or tissue with half hydrogen peroxide and half water and place it on the wound. Gently blot any debris and then blot with a dry gauze.
3. Liberally coat the wound with Polysporin or Vaseline Petroleum Jelly and cover with a bandage.

Note: Neosporin is not recommended due to frequent allergic reactions.

You should change the dressing as per steps 2 and 3 (above) every day. A bandage is necessary until the crust has fallen off, which is usually within 1-2 weeks. Do not allow the crust to dry and harden. This will slow healing and result in more scarring.

If your skin specimen is sent to a laboratory for evaluation by a pathologist, this will generate a separate charge and you may receive a bill from the lab. Results are usually available within 7 -10 days.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call our office.

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