



SURGICAL AND MOHS WOUND CARE

- Keep bandage on for 48 hours.
- Cleanse the wound area with mild soap and water, soaking the area and gently lifting off any crust or scab that has formed, if it is easily removable.
- Apply Polysporin ointment to the wound itself, if you are not allergic to this ointment. Polysporin ointment may be purchased over the counter. You should cover with a dressing or bandaid.
- Do this procedure once or twice a day, if possible, until the surgical site has completely healed over with new pink skin. Continue this treatment until sutures are removed or dissolve. If dissolvable sutures are visible after two weeks, you may remove remaining sutures (by snipping or more aggressive cleaning).
- Call our office with any problems of excessive drainage, redness extending out from the wound, tenderness, fever or shaking chills. Healing open wounds normally appear yellowish in the center with a small amount of moist yellowish drainage and a thin red rim on the perimeter.
- Take Tylenol extra strength for discomfort, rather than aspirin or aspirin containing products, unless contraindicated.
- If bleeding is noted at surgical site, hold pressure for 10 minutes directly over the wound. Use rolled up gauze or a clean cloth to apply direct pressure over the bandage for 20 minutes. If area continues to bleed, hold pressure for another 20 minutes. If bleeding does not subside, you should call our office. If the office is closed when you call, the answering service will pick up and let you know which Doctor is on call and have the Physician return your call. You should not need to go to the Emergency Room.
- If you had Mohs surgery, specific instructions will be given when you leave.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PHONE: 724-837-5810 (AFTER OFFICE HOURS,
CALL: 724-830-8983)