

## Wound Care Instructions

1. If you have sutures, apply ice to the surgery site for 20-minute intervals on the day of surgery.
2. Clean the wound with soap and water or hydrogen peroxide twice a day.
3. Apply Polysporin or Bacitracin antibiotic ointment (Neosporin if not allergic) to the wound after cleaning it.
4. Protect scabs or stitches with a Band-Aid or a dressing
5. Discomfort and swelling are usual between 6-20 hours after surgery. If they are annoying, take Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or a similar Non-Aspirin painkiller (i.e., no Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen or Aleve). If pain continues, or severe discomfort or swelling occurs, call our office promptly.
6. Wounds may bleed. If so, cover the wound with a clean tissue or cloth, and apply direct pressure for 10 minutes by the clock.
7. If the skin around the wound becomes red, swollen and painful, it may be infected. Call us promptly at the office.
8. You may shower, but do not soak your wound in water.

### For your information...

Your biopsy specimen will be sent to another physician at a dermatopathology laboratory for interpretation. Please note that your insurance company will be billed both for processing of your specimen by the lab and for interpretation of your specimen by the dermatopathologist/physician, who in turn reports these results to me.

Please feel free to contact our office at 215-230-9988 should you have any additional questions or concerns.