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WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

WOUND CARE FOR MINOR PROCEDURES

- Keep your bandage on until tomorrow.
- Until the wound is healed, cleanse the area gently with soap and water daily.
- Apply a thin layer of Polysporin, Bacitracin, or Aquaphor ointment to the area, and then cover with a bandage, every day until it is healed (about 1 week).
- There may be mild discomfort associated with the procedure. About an hour after the procedure, the anesthetic will wear off. If you have pain, you may take Tylenol (acetaminophen).
- If any bleeding occurs, use a cotton ball or gauze and press firmly over the site for 10-15 minutes. Do not remove the pressure before 10 minutes. If the bleeding does not stop after this is repeated 2-3 times, please contact our office.
- If irritation occurs from the bandage, stop using the bandage, but continue to apply the ointment.
- It is normal for the wound to be pink/red and a little tender while it is healing. If you develop pain, pus, or fever, please call our office. Increasing pain after 3-4 days may be a sign of infection.
- After a week or so, the area should be healed leaving shiny pink skin. This will slowly pale so that the final cosmetic result may not be apparent for several months.
- You will be contacted in approximately 5-7 days with your test results.

*If you have any questions or concerns, or experience an unexpected reaction, please call us immediately. A physician can always be reached after hours through the answering service. We are happy to speak with you any time (310) 546-1188.*