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WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING SHAVE EXCISION OR CURETTAGE

1. The bandage placed in the office should be left in place for 12-24 hours.
2. The wound should be kept dry for 24 hours following the procedure.
3. The areas that have been treated on the head and neck areas that are not rubbed by clothing may be left open to the area after the initial bandage is removed. It is best to apply a very thin coat of antibiotic ointment (Polysporin) twice daily until the area is healed.
4. The lesions that have been treated below the neckline and in areas where clothing tends to rub should be covered by a bandage. The bandage should be changed daily and an antibiotic ointment (Polysporin) sparingly applied to the area for at least 7-10 days following the procedure. The bandage should be changed any time the wound has gotten wet.
5. Following the procedure, it is normal that these areas should sting and burn for several hours. This should resolve itself within approximately 24 hours.
6. If you are having significant discomfort from this, Tylenol, Advil, or one of the non-aspirin containing analgesics should be sufficient to take care of this.
7. If bleeding should occur after you leave the office, a damp cloth or gauze should be applied with continuous pressure directly over the area for 20 minutes. Once you start applying pressure, do not lift the gauze to see if the bleeding has stopped every few minutes.
8. Contact our office if any of the following should occur:
 - A. Bleeding that is unresolved by the above measure (#7)
 - B. If the wound should develop marked redness and swelling around it, purulent drainage, or become infected looking.
 - C. Pain that is not relieved by non-aspirin containing analgesics.
9. Tissue from all areas that are removed in the office are sent to the laboratory. A pathology report should be ready within 7-10 days following the procedure. We request that you call the office approximately 10 days following your procedure and ask for one of our nurses who will give you the pathology report at that time. The office hours are 8:00-5:00, Monday-Friday and 8:00-12:00 noon on Saturday.

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