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Care of your biopsy or surgery wound

All wounds made in the skin are likely to heal with some sort of scar, but careful care of your wound will allow it to heal more quickly and with the best possible scar.

If you have not heard from our office within two weeks with your biopsy results, please call 972-278-4992.

1. A bandage was applied to the wound in our office. If possible, leave that bandage in place until tomorrow morning.
2. Gently wash your wound with a mild soap and water once day. The best time to clean the wound is while bathing. If the wound has a great deal of discharge, it may be best to clean the site twice a day. Do not scrub vigorously, and do not use alcohol or hydrogen peroxide unless otherwise instructed.
3. After each daily cleaning, apply Polysporin ointment (available over-the-counter), and cover with a bandage. Bactroban ointment is also acceptable, but it is only available by prescription. **(Try to avoid Neosporin and Triple Antibiotic ointment because 10% of the population is allergic or becomes allergic to it.)**
4. Keep your wound covered until the skin has grown completely across the wound (the wound will be pink all the way across) or until your stitches are removed (if stitches were placed).
5. Throughout the healing process, watch for any signs of infection. You may become aware of an infection because of **increasing pain, redness, swelling, red-streaking, drainage, or a fever**. Some tenderness, swelling, redness and yellowish exudate and drainage are to be expected, but these should be decreasing over time. If you think you may have an infection, please call our office. If it is after office hours or on the weekend or a holiday, please go to an emergency room.
6. If you have questions, please call our office.