



Surgery/Biopsy

Patient Discharge Instructions

Patient name: _____

1. Keep area clean and dry.
2. Keep area covered with sterile bandage and antibiotic ointment (i.e. Bacitracin).
3. Place antibiotic ointment on wound two to three times daily.
4. If stitches were placed, do not get wet for 48 hours.
5. If stitches were placed, do not **submerge** in water (i.e. bath, pool, etc.) for 2 weeks.
6. If no stitches were placed, may shower as normal.
7. Watch for signs of infection—redness, drainage, increased pain, and warmth.
8. If crusting occurs, then clean the area with half strength hydrogen peroxide twice daily.
9. Contact the office with any concerns.
10. Take discharge medications (i.e. antibiotics) as prescribed.

___ You will need to have your stitches removed in 7-10 days. It is important to keep this appointment and get them removed.

*At your follow-up appointment you will review your pathology results. Proper follow-up is imperative to assess for complications to prevent further scarring. Please do not assume that “no news, is good news.” If you must cancel your follow-up, please reschedule to go over your pathology results.

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