

Post-Operative Surgical Instructions

In order for the surgical site to heal properly we recommend keeping the area covered with antibiotic ointment, Polysporin is best, and a bandage for 7-10 days or until the area is fully healed.

Leave on the original bandage for 48 hours. After this apply a band aid with adhesive on all four sides to seal off the wound. Walgreen's "Gentle" is helpful for sensitive skin.

Expect some swelling, redness, yellowish discharge and pain in and around the wound, which should gradually decrease and then disappear in a couple of weeks. Take 2 **Tylenol** tablets every 4 hours as needed for any discomfort. If the procedure was on the scalp or face, it is normal to develop swelling and bruising around the eyes. Sleeping with an extra pillow and placing an ice pack around the eyes during the first 48 hours may be helpful.

If bleeding should occur, apply firm uninterrupted pressure to the bandaged wound for 20 minutes. If bleeding has not stopped by this time, apply pressure for 30 more minutes. In the rare event that bleeding still continues, call our office or go to the nearest emergency room for assistance.

If swelling, redness and/or tenderness of the site persist for more than two days or increases, contact our office as this could represent a wound infection

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