

# WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

SMITH DERMATOLOGY

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## CLEANING THE WOUND

Gently clean the wound each day with mildly soapy water and rinse well. Use a moistened Q-tip to remove any crust or film that may develop. Afterwards, apply an ointment like Polysporin, Bacitracin or Vaseline, to keep the area moist (DO NOT use Neosporin). A Band-Aid is optional, but may be advisable if the wound is located in an area that may be easily injured by clothing, glasses, etc.

## PAIN

Pain medication is seldom required after most skin surgeries, however, regular strength Tylenol (DO NOT use aspirin) may be used as needed.

## BLEEDING

Although a mild amount of oozing may be expected, frank bleeding is a rare complication of Dermatological procedures. Should you experience bleeding, apply continuous direct pressure with a clean gauze or washcloth for 15 minutes. If the bleeding does not stop, or if any other problems develop, please call us at the number listed above.

**TO RECEIVE BIOPSY RESULTS, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IN TWO WEEKS AT 480-646-8660**