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WOUND CARE FOLLOWING MINOR PROCEDURES

Unless otherwise directed:

1. The dressing may be removed 24 hours following the procedure. You may begin showering or lightly cleansing the operative site with mild, soapy water as tolerated.
2. Do not soak in a bathtub until the sutures are removed. Following removal of the initial dressing, apply a small amount of Bacitracin ointment (packets provided) to the incision twice daily for 3-4 days. You may reapply a band-aide or light gauze dressing if a small amount of oozing persists. Otherwise, the incision may be left uncovered.
3. A small amount of bleeding may occur at the operative site following the procedure. This typically responds to light digital pressure and elevation of the area. If bleeding is brisk or does not respond to the above, please contact the office.
4. Occasionally, discoloration or bruising may occur at the operative site. Initially, this will appear black or purple, eventually fading to green and yellow. Bruising generally resolves in 5-7 days. If the bruise is "tense" and accompanied by significant swelling, please contact the office.
5. Redness, increasing pain, warmth or purulent drainage at the incision site may suggest an infection. Please contact the office.
6. Mild oral pain relievers (aspirin, Tylenol, ibuprofen) are generally adequate to control post-operative discomfort following minor procedures. Stronger medications may be required at times.
7. You are scheduled for a return appointment on _____