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**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WOUND CARE FOLLOWING BIOPSY, CURETTAGE,
MILIA EXTRACTION, DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF LESIONS**

1. If a dressing or bandage has been applied, remove it after your bath or shower tomorrow.
2. Then once a day thoroughly cleanse the wound by sponging with tap water on a Q-tip or clean cotton swab. This can be done quite vigorously in order to remove crust.
3. After each cleansing apply a coating of ointment- vaseline, white petrolatum or Aquaphor ointment. These ointments are over-the-counter. Keep some on the area at all times until the wound is healed.
4. Adequate cleansing as described above will keep a thick scab from forming. A thick scab is an obstruction to good wound healing and will lead to a more prominent scar.
5. Wounds heal better with a bandage, but wounds on the face, nose, ears or scalp may be left uncovered after the first day providing a coating of ointment is left on. Wounds elsewhere on the body should always be covered with a bandage.
6. If severe inflammation (redness, warmth, tenderness) or red streaks should occur, call the doctor's office immediately.
7. In general, you should not apply cosmetics, lubricants, etc. to these areas until they are completely healed.

Note: You may receive a separate bill from the laboratory for pathology services. Please call the laboratory with any questions.