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MOHS SURGERY WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS



1. Leave bandage on for 24-hours. You may shower the day after surgery.
2. If sutures are present gently clean the area with a Q-tip dipped in 3% Hydrogen Peroxide solution. If sutures are not present clean the area with cool water only. If a scab forms you may leave it intact.
3. Dry the area with a cloth. Apply a generous layer of Bactroban ointment, (also called Mupirocin ointment) and cover it with Telfa pad or a band-aid. This process should be repeated twice daily until healed.
4. If bleeding occurs, apply firm pressure to the area with gauze for twenty minutes. If bleeding persists, call our office at (631) 666-2900; after office hours Dr. Coven may be reached directly on his cell phone at (631) 681-3331. If you are unable to call, go directly to your nearest emergency room.
5. You may shower the day after surgery. The bandage may get wet in the shower. Change the bandage and dressing to a dry dressing immediately after showering.
6. You may take Tylenol as needed for pain (unless instructed otherwise by your physician).
7. To prevent excessive swelling to the facial area, you may apply an ice pack (wrapped in a thin towel) for 10 minutes at a time for the first 24 hours,
8. If you had facial surgery, it is advised that you sleep in a semi-reclined position. Use a recliner chair or 2-3 pillows for the first night following surgery.
9. Please make sure you have an appointment scheduled before you leave the office to have your sutures removed (typically 7-14 days following your surgery). Dr. Coven will tell you the exact day when sutures will need to be removed.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call the office at (631) 666-2900 or you may call Dr. Coven directly on his cell phone at (631) 681-3331.