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Patient Instructions Following Minor Surgery

(Punch Biopsy or Shave Biopsy)

1. Wash hands thoroughly with soap & water prior to removing your bandage and touching the wound
2. Remove bandage 24-48 hours after procedure
3. Cleanse area once daily with soap & water
4. Apply Vaseline or prescribed ointment to the wound
5. Keep the area covered with a bandage
 - a. Wound needs to be covered at all times to avoid crusting
6. Discontinue wound care when affected area looks completely healed: flat, pink, no longer an open sore. Healing times vary based on body location but generally it will take 7-14 days.

If the wound is **bleeding** or shows any signs of **infection**, such as extreme redness, swelling, pain, or discharge of pus, **please call the office.**

Patients with sutures are instructed to:

1. Keep dressing clean & dry for 24-48 hours
2. Change dressing once a day, as stated above
3. Schedule a follow-up appointment for 7-14 days for your suture removal

If you have not been called with results of your biopsy within 14 days, please call our office for your results.