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INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR POST-OP SKIN LESION REMOVAL

You are likely to have a dressing over the excision site.

Although this is usually a waterproof dressing try to keep the area as dry as possible.

There will likely be sutures (or stitches) that need to be kept clean and dry and away from water, soap, shampoo, etc.

Although unappealing to the eye, it is normal for there to be some oozing, drainage, and blood on the bandage after excision of a skin lesion.

After dressings are off, clean the area with alcohol then apply antibiotic ointment 3-4 times daily. Take oral antibiotics if prescribed.

Keep follow-up appointments as scheduled for suture removal in the office. After sutures are removed, you will probably have “Steri-Strips” over the area for a few more days. It is okay to let them fall off when they are ready.

Call the office if your surgical site gets red, sore, begins draining, or you have a fever higher than 101 degrees.