



Florida Dermatology Specialists

Skin Biopsy, Suture Area, and Skin Cancer Destruction Instructions

1. Keep the area clean and dry for today. Starting tomorrow change the wound dressing once or twice a day.
2. Wash your hands with antibacterial soap and water. Then wash the area with antibacterial soap and water.
3. Gently pat dry.
4. Apply a white petrolatum-based ointment to the area, like Aquaphor or Vaseline.
5. Keep the area covered with a band-aid or non-stick pad (like Telfa or Sorbalux) with paper tape until fully healed.

Certain areas like lower legs take a long time to heal (often over a month).

A skin cancer destruction can take a month or longer to heal on any site. Continue wound care until fully healed. Make sure to keep ointment on the area and not to let a scab form.

Do not submerge the site in pools, oceans, rivers, or streams until fully healed.

Possible Signs of Infection:

1. Large area of redness
2. Swelling
3. Warmth
4. Drainage or pus
5. Pain

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call our office: 772-402-2227