

## **Post Operative Care**

You have had a minor surgical procedure. To assure optimal healing and minimize the chance of complications, it is important that you follow the instructions listed below.

1. Leave the surgical dressing on until one day after your procedure.
2. Upon removing the dressing, cleanse the area with warm soapy water (the shower is okay). Apply a bland ointment and cover with a band-aid. It is important that the wound does not become dried out or crusted during the healing process, as this delays optimal healing.  
\* Contact dermatitis to topical antibiotics is not unusual. If you develop a rash around your wound, please contact us.
3. Showering is permitted the day following surgery unless other instructions have been given. Avoid submerging the surgical area in jacuzzis, river, lakes, swimming pools and oceans for more than a few minutes for the first week.
4. These steps should be repeated until the wound has healed. Usual duration of healing by area(s):
  - ❑ Face: 7-10 days
  - ❑ Torso and arms: two to three weeks
  - ❑ Legs: three to four weeks
5. Please call the office if any unusual swelling, redness, bleeding or draining occurs.

### **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

\*A tissue specimen has been submitted for routine histopathologic interpretation. In attempting to establish a diagnosis, it is sometimes necessary to perform special tests and/or consultation that cannot be anticipated. If it is necessary to perform such additional tests in order to assure a more accurate diagnosis, you will be billed separately for these tests.

\* **FOR BIOPSY TESTS:** We wish to remind you that the cost of your biopsy **does not** include the fees for follow up care. Such care may include the institution of treatment, further surgical care or even inspection of the biopsy site for the presence of any residual pre-cancerous or cancerous conditions. Your understanding is appreciated. If your condition does not warrant any additional treatment you will be notified of your results by postcard or phone.