

- Keep the wound clean, wash daily with regular soap and water and apply Vaseline or Aquaphor daily until the wound has healed. Do not use topical antibiotics unless instructed. Topical antibiotics can cause allergic reactions.
- As the skin heals it may cause itching sensation. To avoid this, always keep the wound moist. If you are sensitive to adhesives, you can use a nonstick pad and paper tape instead of an adhesive bandage.
- If the wound starts bleeding, apply firm and steady pressure with a sterile gauze pad continuously for 20 minutes. Please call our office if the wound is still bleeding after 20 minutes.
- The wound should be protected from the sun to diminish scarring. Once the wound has healed, protect it from the sun by keeping it covered as well as wearing sun-protective clothing, and applying a broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen with a SPF of 30+
- **Worsening pain, increased swelling, warmth, drainage with pus, yellow or golden crusts, or fever are signs of an infection. If you develop any of these, please call our office right away at 206-539-0675**
- **Note:** Pathology is sent to North Pacific Dermatology (Dr. Nicole Kageyama) to be interpreted for results. There may be a separate charge from North Pacific Dermatology/Westside Dermatology.