

Post-Operation Wound Care Instructions

Instructions for Dr. Kennedy's patients and Dr. Angel's patients

- Remove tegaderm and gauze after 3 days. Dr. Angel does not typically use these dressings, but if he does he wants it left on wound until he sees the patient.
- Leave the steri-strips in place. These will come off by themselves.
- Showers and short baths are fine the day after surgery, but do not soak in water or swim for 1 week after surgery.
- Wash the wound daily with soap and water during bath or shower, after the dressing is removed.
- Call the office for any signs of infection.
- Redness and/or warmth at the wound site.
- Severe pain at wound site.
- Drainage (pus) at the wound site.
- Temperature of 101.5 degrees or higher.
- Severe swelling at the wound site.
- Skin graft patients should not remove any bandages. The doctor will remove the bandages when the patient is seen in the office.

Instructions for Dr. Fowler's patients

- Remove tegaderm and gauze after 5 days. May take a brief shower or sponge bath with tegaderm in place during this time. Keep dressing dry as possible.
- May resume normal showering and bathing 7 days after surgery.
- Let the steri-strips fall off by themselves.
- Call the office for any signs of infection (listed above).
- Skin graft patients should not remove any bandages. The doctor will remove the bandages when the patient is seen in the office.

Instructions for Dr. Roaten's patients

- Remove tegaderm and gauze after 3 days.
- Leave stri-strips in place. These will come off by themselves.
- Your child may shower 48 hours after surgery but no baths for 7 to 10 days after surgery
- Wash the wound daily with soap and water during bath or shower after dressing has been removed.
- Call the office for any signs of infection: Redness or warmth at the wound site, severe pain or swelling at the wound site, drainage (pus) from the wound, or temperature of 101.5 or higher.
- Umbilical hernia wounds should remain covered until the patient returns to see Dr. Roaten in the clinic!
- Skin graft patients should NOT remove any bandages! Dr. Roaten will remove the bandages when he sees the child in follow up.

Call the office at 865-546-2131 for any other questions or instructions.

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