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### **CARE OF SURGICAL WOUND SITE**

1. You should take special care of the site where a surgical procedure has been performed to prevent infection and undue scar formation.
2. The dressing applied when the procedure was performed should be removed after 24 hours. You may bathe or shower at this time.
3. Cleanse the site with hydrogen peroxide or alcohol followed by Polysporin ointment twice daily for 5-10 days. This treatment helps to avoid crust or scab formation and prevent infection. A Q-tip is usually the best instrument to use when applying hydrogen peroxide/alcohol and Polysporin ointment.
4. Attempt to keep the wound open to the air as much as possible. If you prefer, you may wear a bandage when you go out in public.
5. The sutures which were placed to close this wound site will need to be removed in \_\_\_\_\_ days.
6. If you have any problems, please contact our office.