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Instructions for Cryosurgery

Your appointment for cryosurgery is on _____ at Eastland Surgicenter and will take approximately 1-2 hours.

Please stop taking these medications 1 week prior to surgery: any anticoagulants/blood thinners including Coumadin, Plavix, Aspirin, Motrin, Fish Oil, and Ibuprofen. *Tylenol is fine to take.*

On the day of procedure you will be changed into a gown and taken into an operating room to be set up for the procedure. The staff will have you sign a consent form for the procedure. Your skin will be cleaned with betadine. The doctor will come in and inject a local anesthetic, a numbing medicine, into area to be worked on. Once area is numb the doctor will remove lesion. The lesion is sent to a pathologist who will look at it to make sure all the cancer cells are removed. If this is okay then the doctor will close the wound with sutures. If all the cancer cells are not removed, the doctor will remove more of the tissue in that area and send it back to the pathologist. Once the area is sutured the staff will clean the area. Instructions will be given to you and follow appointments will be made to check the surgical site healing.

If you have any questions or problems please feel free to call our office: (309)-585-0370

IF DERMABOND IS USED:

The film from the Dermabond will stay present for approximately 5-10 days and will naturally begin to fall off the skin. Do not scratch, rub, or pick at the Dermabond adhesive film. Do not apply tape directly to Dermabond. Do not apply ointment of any type to the Dermabond. You may occasionally and briefly wet you wound in the shower or bath. Do not soak or scrub you wound. You may gently blot the area after showering. After the Dermabond Sloughs off, keep area moist with vitamin E cream for 2-3 weeks. Protect the area from sun for the next year using sun protection factor of 30 or higher. If any aspect of the healing is unsatisfactory one year postoperatively, please contact us so that we may re-examine the area.