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Wound Care Instructions after your shave biopsy

- You may clean the area with plain tap water and then apply antibiotic ointment (Polysporin or Bacitracin). Please repeat these steps at least once daily until the wound is healed. Complete healing may take up to 3-6 weeks.
- If you notice bleeding from the wound, apply firm continuous pressure for 20 minutes. If bleeding does not stop after you apply pressure please call our office or go the Emergency Department if after hours. Our office number is 309-585-0370 and we are open Monday through Friday, 7am-5pm.
- Mild swelling and redness around the wound are normal. Discomfort is usually mild and easily controlled with Tylenol. If you see a lot of swelling, redness, pain, fever or drainage please contact our office.
- It is OK to get the wound wet. Afterwards, clean the wound and apply ointment as above.

The biopsy specimen will be sent to pathology for diagnosis. We will typically see you back in 1-2 weeks to review this pathology in office or we may call you to inform you of the pathology. If you do not hear from us within 2 weeks please call our office.