



PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS AFTER SURGERY

1. Clean incision lines (suture lines) with a ½ and ½ mixture of hydrogen peroxide and distilled water to remove crusting 3 times per day. After cleaning, apply bacitracin antibiotic ointment to keep incision lines moist.
2. Use bacitracin ointment for the first 5 days after surgery, then switch to Aquaphor ointment as the bacitracin can become irritating.
3. If there is yellow gauze on the wound, apply the ointment directly to the yellow gauze as well.
4. You may shower, but do not get the incision lines wet. If you do not have a flap, you may get the incisions lines wet 3 days after surgery.
5. Do not place any ice or cool compresses directly on the wound. This is especially important if you have a flap.
6. Please call immediately with any increased pain, swelling, or fever.
7. If you are prescribed an antibiotic, please take as directed until finished. Do not drive if taking any narcotic pain medications.
8. It is very important to keep your wound protected from the sun while healing. Any sun exposure can worsen scarring. However, do NOT use sunscreen until instructed otherwise.
9. An appointment will be made for suture removal 1 week after surgery.

DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES – If you are concerned about anything you consider significant, Please call **(585)905-3414**.