
Mohs/Dermatologic Surgery Unit

DAILY WOUND CARE ONCE BANDAGE IS REMOVED

Daily Wound Care

- Wrap a washcloth around your finger, wet it with warm water and **antibacterial soap**, and gently clean the wound.
- Clean the center and around the wound edges to remove any excess ointment or dried blood/crusting from the previous day.
- Apply a **generous, thick layer of Aquaphor** to the wound.
 - Keeping the wound **moist** is important! Scabs can delay healing and increase infection risk.
- Place a **non-adherent pad** over the wound.
- Seal the wound and pad in place using **paper tape**. Don't let air get to it.

What to Look Out For

- As the wound heals, it will fill in with red, bumpy granulation tissue, and the edges will slowly move inward.
- Cleaning out excess ointment each day is important.
 - Yellow film/slime usually means the wound is not being cleaned well enough.
- Signs of infection include:
 - Increasing redness, warmth, swelling
 - Worsening pain, sensitivity to touch, tenderness
 - Pus or foul odor

Continue this wound care until fully healed
