



## **WOUND CARE FOR LESIONS REMOVED ELECTROSURGICALLY**

A dressing may have been placed in the office on the treated area. This may be removed after 24 hours, and the area may be left uncovered, but should be kept dry. If you wish to conceal the wound or wish to avoid exposure to dirt or contact with clothing, a small dressing or band-aid can be used for this purpose.

1. The area that was treated will look ugly for a while, and there may be some slight bleeding or oozing. Crusting is also expected to occur. All of these are entirely normal. Any drainage may be controlled by applying firm pressure to the area until it stops.
2. Please clean the wound twice daily with a mild soap and water. The area should then be dried thoroughly, if need be using a blow dryer, and then a light coat of *Vaseline* should be applied.
3. Healing of your wound will take two to five weeks, although some areas will take slightly longer, and some will take slightly less time. As healing takes place, a tender raised area or scar may form at the site of treatment. This is a good sign of healing, and will shrink with time.
4. If you notice increasing pain, swelling, redness, or any pus-like discharge from the wound, please call the office for further instructions.
5. Return for follow up as instructed.
6. Please call the office for report on the nature of the biopsy specimen in \_\_\_\_\_ days if a specimen was sent in for examination.