

Liquid Nitrogen – A blister or swelling may form within the next day. If the blister is painful the fluid may be drained from it using a sterile needle. The following week, the blister may peel off and a crusty sore will be left. Apply Vaseline to the area, or use nothing at all on this wound. You may wash it and get it wet. The skin will heal from underneath over the next two to three weeks. Occasionally, a second freezing is necessary.

Open Surgery – Take the bandage off in 24 hours. Dab the wound gently with 1:3 diluted vinegar and water soaks and apply Vaseline daily. You may get this wound wet. You should apply a bandage loosely each day. Do so for 1-2 weeks.

Stitched Wound From Surgery – Take the bandage or pressure dressing off in 24 hours. Wash the wound with rubbing alcohol or 1:3 diluted vinegar and water soaks once a day to gently remove any crust that forms. After washing, apply Vaseline to the wound. It is very important to keep the wound moist with ointment. You may shower, but do not immerse the wound in water. Do this until you return to clinic.

Bleeding – Bleeding is also rarely a problem. There may be some slight bleeding when the local anesthesia wears off, or when the wound is healing. Direct pressure over the wound for 10 minutes by the clock will almost always stop this. If it does not, please call my office.

Results – Biopsy, surgical pathology, and cultures may take up to 14 days depending on the Pathologist.

The nurse will call you with your result.

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