



Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery

ELECTRODESSICATION AND CURETTAGE (ED&C) WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

You have undergone a procedure today called an electrodesiccation and curettage, sometimes called a scrape and burn. This is a minor procedure used to treat various superficial skin abnormalities or skin cancers.

You will need to take care of this ED&C site to prevent infection and aid in optimal healing. You can purchase any of these items needed for your wound care at any pharmacy.

1. Leave the bandage on for 24 hours. Try not to get the bandage wet or dirty.
2. After 24 hours, clean the ED&C site twice daily with mild soap and water.
3. Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of Bacitracin/Vaseline ointment directly on the biopsy site. Avoid Neosporin or Neomycin.
4. Cover the ED&C site with a clean band-aid.
5. Repeat daily until the wound is completely healed.

CALL if you develop signs of infection such as:

- Thick yellow pus-like drainage
- Fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- Swelling or redness
- Pain

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