



Minor Surgery Home Care Instructions

- *Avoid any activity that might cause excessive tension in the wound area.
- *Keep the original bandage in place for the first 24 to 48 hours.
- *Clean the wound daily with soap and water when bathing, then gently dry and apply a layer of antibiotic ointment such as Bacitracin, Polysporin or Neosporin (triple-antibiotic). Vaseline petroleum jelly may be used as well.
- *The wound may be covered with a bandage or left open.
- *If the wound bleeds, apply direct pressure for ten minutes.
- *For pain, take Extra-Strength Tylenol (acetaminophen) as needed. Avoid aspirin, other pain relievers, and alcohol, as they may promote bleeding.
- *Return on _____ for removal of sutures.
- *Symptoms to report to your doctor:
 - Persistent bleeding
 - Significant swelling or a deep purple color around the wound
 - Increasing redness or tenderness around the wound
 - Pus draining from the wound
 - Elevated temperature 101 degrees or higher
- *If you have any problems or for questions concerning wound care, you may call the office at **834-3094**. After hours, weekends, and holidays call the Jackson Hospital operator at **293-8000** to reach Dr. Anthony or Dr. Love, or seek attention at your local Emergency Department if necessary.