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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, then gently dry and apply a layer of Vaseline ointment. Alternatively, you may use an antibiotic ointment such as bacitracin, or Polysporin.
- *Keep the wound covered as needed to protect from dirt or friction from clothing.
- *If the wound bleeds, apply direct pressure for at least 10 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 the office:
 - 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 of 101 degree or higher
- *If you have any problems or for questions concerning wound care, you may call our office at 334-834-3094. After hours, weekends, or holidays seek attention as needed at your local urgent care or Emergency Department.