



Curette and Cautery Wound Care Information

SCRAPE AND BURN SITES

First 24 hours

The area treated must remain covered and dry for 24 hours.

DO NOT GET THE AREA WET FOR 24 HOURS

Cleaning

Curette wounds need to be cleaned. This is most easily performed in the shower, washing the area with soap and water, starting 24 hours after the procedure.

Salt solution

If more frequent cleaning is required, a salt water solution can be made by adding a teaspoon of salt to a cooled cup of boiled water. With the salt water, clean off any old blood, crusts or debris and then pat dry.

Applying ointment

Apply a thin layer of Vaseline to the cleaned wound and a simple dressing strip.

Normal appearance

It is normal for the wound to develop a surrounding redness extending some millimetres away from the site. It is also quite usual for the wound to become moist and develop a yellow exudate as part of its healing process. The area may look infected but this is rarely the case. Please continue to bathe it with salty water and apply an antiseptic such as Betadine lotion or Savlon twice daily. The main indication of an ensuing infection is tenderness to touch and a spreading redness outside of the surgical area.



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