

SUTURED WOUND CARE INSTRUCTION SHEET

1. Keep wound dry at all times. This means: no soaking, and no peroxide or any other liquid applied to the wound, and no ointments or creams. Although we apply antibiotic ointment to the wound immediately after suturing, do not re-apply any ointment. Cover the wound with plastic to take a shower (such as a plastic bag around the wrist for a hand wound, held in place with a lightly fitting rubber band).
2. If the original dressing gets wet, remove it as soon as possible and replace it with a dry dressing.
3. After 24 hours you can remove the original dressing. The wound can then be covered with a dry dressing. If the dressing gets wet, replace it with a dry one. After two or three days the wound can be left uncovered while sleeping, if desired, and if the wound is dry.
4. Follow-up with us as scheduled, or call as soon as possible if signs of infection develop, as listed below:
 - Redness
 - Swelling
 - Drainage, especially pus
 - Severe pain or tenderness
 - Fever
5. If you have been prescribed any antibiotics to prevent infection be sure to take ALL of the pills.