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PATIENT INFORMATION SERIES

6. EXCISIONS

You have just had a surgical procedure that required the use of stitches or sutures. These are your directions for proper wound care.

- There is now a two-layer dressing on top of your wound. Take the bulky, top-layer off in four hours. Take the bottom dressing off in 48 hours and replace with a fresh Band-Aid.
- You need to keep the area completely dry for the next 48 hours.
- If the dressing gets wet make sure to remove it and replace with a fresh, dry Band-Aid.
- Apply a small amount of POLYSPORIN or BACITRACIN OINTMENT to the area when changing the dressing.
- If any redness or pain develops call the doctor.