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PATIENT INFORMATION SERIES

3. SKIN CANCER TREATMENT (Curettage & Desiccation)

- You have just been treated for a skin cancer.
- Take the Band-Aid or other dressing off in 24 hours. Band-Aids are recommended but not required after that. Change them daily but if they get wet change immediately.
- You should gently clean the site with **HYDROGEN PEROXIDE** and then apply **POLYSPORIN** or **BACITRACIN OINTMENT**. You can use triple antibiotic ointment but do not use Neosporin or anything else with Neomycin in it.
- Repeat this process two times per day. You can rinse the area in the shower if it is on your back or on another difficult to reach area.
- If the site bleeds, apply continuous firm pressure with a clean gauze pad for five minutes. Repeat if necessary.
- Call the office if any redness or discomfort occurs at the site or if you still have any questions.