

Curettage and Cautery Leaflet



Dermatology Service

Looking after your wound following skin surgery

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Curettage and Cautery: Wound Care Information

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This information sheet provides instructions on caring for your wound after curettage and cautery treatment.

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What is Curettage and Cautery?

- You received a scraping treatment called curettage.
- After scraping, the area was treated with cautery (heat), electrodesiccation (electric current), or a chemical to stop bleeding.
- There are no stitches.

What to Expect:

- The wound will be a dark area like a deep scrape.
- Healing may take 2-3 weeks.

- The scar may be red and raised at first.
- Over several months, the scar should become flatter and lighter in colour.

Wound Care Instructions:

- Once the local anaesthetic wears off, you may take a mild pain reliever.
- Leave the dressing on for 24 hours unless instructed otherwise.
- After 24 hours, remove the dressing and clean the wound by showering, soaking, or gently pouring warm water over it. This removes debris that can cause infection.
- Pat the area dry with a clean towel or tissue.
- Apply a thin layer of Vaseline or an ointment prescribed by your doctor. A dry dressing is optional but use a breathable type.
- Repeat cleaning and dressing changes every 24 hours until the wound heals.
- Do not wear makeup over the wound until it heals completely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Dermatology Team.

Let us know what you think and get involved

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