

Care after a Shave Excision

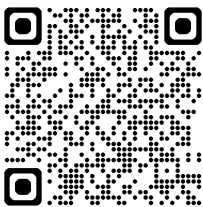


Dermatology Service

Looking after your wound following skin surgery

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Shave Excision

A shave excision involves shaving the skin lesion off. It will, however, leave a small wound which may take 1-2 weeks to heal over. The scar should settle to a more flesh coloured, flat scar. Because the technique only removes the part of the lesion that protrudes above the skin, the appearance may remain abnormal.

Wound care following surgery

- If the wound continues to ooze or bleed, press firmly on the area for 20 minutes with a clean dressing and the bleeding will stop. Do not dab or keep looking at the wound. If on the leg, raise the limb. If the bleeding continues, contact your GP or call NHS 111
- Once the local anaesthetic has worn off you should take a mild painkiller
- The initial dressing should be left in place for 24-48hrs, unless you have been advised otherwise.
- You should remove the dressing and wash the area under the shower, soak it, or pour warm water over it. This will then help to remove any loose debris under which infection can occur
- Pat the area dry and cover with a thin smear of fresh vaseline or an ointment that the doctor has given you
- A dry dressing may be applied, but it is not essential
- Do not apply make up over the wound until it has healed.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Dermatology Team:

Let us know what you think and get involved

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