

CARE AFTER PULSED DYE LASER SURGERY

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The Pulsed Dye Laser procedure uses a special laser to penetrate the skin to destroy blood vessels. You will need to care for this area of skin in a specific way.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOME:

Expectations: Slight swelling, blistering, or crusting of the wound is to be expected. Please call the office if:

- Your child develops a fever greater than 101°F
- The wound becomes very red
- A yellow discharge is noted in the wound

Activity: The patient should refrain from swimming, sports, and sun exposure for at least one week following the surgery.

Care for the Skin:

- Before caring for the wound, be sure to wash your hands well with soap and water.
- Gently wash the affected area 4-5 times daily using warm water and a soft cloth, then blot dry.
- After the gentle cleaning, apply a layer of Bacitracin ointment on the wound. The ointment may be reapplied as necessary to keep the wound covered.
- If swelling occurs within the first few days, an ice pack or cool compress may be applied.
- After the area heals, usually in 7-10 days, protect the area from the sun by using a sun block of 15 or greater.

Diet: Normal diet may be resumed after discharge, unless this surgery has been performed as part of another surgery in which diet restrictions are required.

Medications: Tylenol may be used if your child has discomfort.

If you have any questions, problems, or need to schedule (or re-schedule) an appointment, please contact our office at **362.9730**.