

**CARE FOR YOUR CHILD AFTER
SKIN RESURFACING
CO₂ LASER SURGERY**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The CO₂ Laser procedure removes the top layer of the skin so a new, thicker, and smoother skin layer will develop. You will need to care for this skin area in a specific way. The area that has been treated will appear darker, and/or reddened for four to six weeks after the surgery. The skin will gradually return to its normal color.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOME:

Care for the Skin:

- Before caring for the wound, be sure to wash your hands well with soap and water.
- Wash the affected area gently with warm water and a soft cloth, then blot dry.
- After the gentle cleaning, you will be instructed to use either vaseline or *Second Skin Dressings* on the wound.
- *Second Skin Dressings* should be changed at least twice a day for 5-7 days.
- Ointment will be prescribed after this to help keep the new layers of skin moist.

Expectations: Call our office if:

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

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. Please call the office at 362-9730 if your child develops a fever, the wound becomes very red, or there is yellow discharge.

If you have any questions, problems, or need to schedule (or re-schedule) an appointment, please contact our office at **362-9730**.