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POST OPERATIVE WART SURGERY INTRUCTIONS

1. DO NOT REMOVE THE DRESSING UNLESS DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE DOCTOR.
2. Keep the dressing dry for the first 48 hours.
3. Maintaining ice on the surgical site, 30 minutes on, 30 minutes off, as well as elevation of the foot and leg, will help to decrease the pain and discomfort during the first few days.
4. Remove the dressing and clean the surgical site using soap and water. Apply any antibiotic cream (Neosporin or Amerigel is fine) to the surgical site. Cover the site with a Band-Aid. Repeat this twice daily for a week.
5. You are permitted to get the surgical site wet after 48 hours, but whenever you do please repeat step 3.
6. Bleeding through the dressing is expected for the first 72 hours. If the bleeding becomes excessive then please contact the office and the doctor will give you further instructions.
7. Postoperative medication such as Tylenol is suggested if there is discomfort. If pain continues past the first 72 hours, please contact the doctor.
8. It takes approximately 28 days for the skin on the foot to close over. The surgical site may continue to drain for up to 14 days.
9. If there are any concerns feel free to contact the office. The doctor is on call 24 hours a day. If the office is closed, follow the instructions on the answering machine.