

Postoperative Instructions For Dr. Momtazi's Skin Graft Patients

These instructions are designed to help you care for your skin graft and obtain the best possible results.

Dressings

- If you have xeroform dressing (yellow fabric) on your thigh, it should remain in place and open to air
- If the xeroform is moist or wet, a hair dryer set to low can be used to dry it out
- It can take a few days for the xeroform to dry completely
- Gauze wrap can be applied to the thigh to prevent your clothing from becoming soiled

Showers

- Gently wash all of your skin, including the area where you had your surgery, daily using soap and water
- Any soap is ok, but avoid fragrances
- It is safe to gently wash area that has been skin grafted
- It is safe to gently wash the area where the skin graft was taken
- If you have xeroform dressing (yellow fabric) on your thigh, it is safe for it to get wet
- Do not take a bath until ok'd by Dr. Momtazi
- Do not use alcohol, peroxide or anything other than soap and water to clean your skin
- After washing, pat all areas dry and leave open to air
- If you wish to cover the area, you may reapply a light gauze dressing
- Do not apply creams, moisturizers, oils, or other products on or near where you had your surgery

Pain

- Pain to the area where you had your surgery is normal and expected; this should improve over several days
- If you have pain, start by taking BOTH Tylenol (acetaminophen) and Advil (ibuprofen) together, as ordered
- It is safe to take Tylenol (acetaminophen) and Advil (ibuprofen) at the same time (unless otherwise directed)
- If you continue to have pain, you can ADD the prescription pain medication ordered by your doctor
- It is safe to take Tylenol, Advil and prescription pain medication at the same time

Activity

- Avoid strenuous activity (nothing that will increase your blood pressure) for at least 2 weeks
- Do not lift more than 5 pounds for at least 2 weeks
- Activities such as showering, cooking and moving around your home are ok

Follow up

- Dr. Momtazi will see you in follow up on _____

Questions and concerns

- If you have questions about your surgery, please call our office (780) 540-9250
- You can also reach us by email at Susan.Lamb@ahs.ca
- We are available Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Emergencies

- If you have a concern that you feel is an emergency, please report to your nearest emergency department
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