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### TREATMENT ROOM PROCEDURES- DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS

#### WOUND CARE:

The dressing over your wound is waterproof. You may shower and bathe. The dressing will probably fall off on its own accord after several days. It does not need to be replaced. We often place small tapes over the wound and again these will wash off in time. I recommend removing both the dressings and the tape if they are still on after 5 days. No fresh dressing needs to be applied.

#### SCALP WOUNDS:

Wounds on the scalp usually do not have a dressing. We ask that you keep these dry for 48 hours. You may shower at that point. In some cases re-apply the ointment we have given you at that time.

#### THINGS TO WATCH OUT FOR:

A small amount of blood on the dressing is normal. Similarly some bruising may occur. **Excessive bleeding, redness, swelling or severe pain around the wound are not normal.** You should either contact me, the hospital or your general practitioner, though I would always prefer to be contacted personally if you are having problems with your wound. This is best done via my rooms or paging service.

#### FOLLOW-UP:

A post-operative appointment will have been made to check your pathology and wound and if required to remove sutures.

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