



ST LEONARDS DERMATOLOGY & LASER

WOUND CARE CURETTAGE AND CAUTERY

- 1) Leave wound intact and dry for 24 hours therefore do not wet the wound.
- 2) Often an Advanced Healing band aid or Hypafix is applied which is water proof and stays in place until centre feels full, the average period is 3 days but maybe sooner or later.
- 3) Cleaning maybe done in the shower or with a saline solution which is made up of one cup of water and one teaspoon of salt.
- 4) You may replace with further Advanced Healing band aids until almost healed, when a scab forms use a smear of vaseline until completely healed. If **Chlorsig** eye ointment is required it will be discussed at the time of the procedure.
- 5) Occasionally a pressure dressing maybe applied on top to stop or prevent further bleeding, this maybe removed when no further bleeding is present.
- 6) Monitor signs of infection such as pain, swelling, redness or discharge present in the area. (see below instructions)

The area may drain clear fluid, and you may notice some white material in the base of the wound and a thin rim of redness around the wound as it heals. The wound may also develop a crust or scab. These developments are normal.

If the wound becomes very tender or swollen with increasing redness, or if pus drains from the wound, this may be a sign of infection. If this occurs, please call us on (02) 99669667 during business hours.