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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE OF CURETTAGE AND  
ELECTRODESICCATION SITE**

Your skin has been treated by curettage and electrodesiccation (cautery with a high intensity electrical current). The treatment site will heal from the sides and will form several crusts over a period of one to three weeks. Some redness surrounding the treated area is expected, but the area should not become painful.

Keep the area bandaged and dry for the first 24 hours, then gently remove the bandage. To care for the area until it heals, cleanse the area gently with soap and water twice daily. After washing, apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment (Polysporin). A bandage may be worn as needed. Continue these steps until the area has completely healed. Do not use any ointment containing cortisone because it will slow the healing process.

The surface will remain moist while it is healing. This will result in less scarring than letting a dry, hard scab form. A cloudy yellowish appearance for the moist base is normal and does not indicate infection.

If you have any discomfort in the area, please take over-the-counter pain medication as directed on the label. If that does not give you adequate relief, please call the office at 692-3000