

PATIENT INFORMATION

Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
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Ashford Hospital Telephone 01784 884009

MINOR SKIN OPERATION POST OPERATIVE INFORMATION

- We suggest you take it easy for the rest of the day, as a rise in blood pressure due to exercise, etc can cause the area to bleed. It is a good idea to avoid strenuous activities for the next few days.
- You may be asked to apply an antibiotic cream to the area, if so, it is to be applied morning and evening.
- Bruising is normal and will gradually fade.
- In a couple of hours the local anaesthetic will wear off, so in preparation we advise you to take a painkilling tablet, for example one that you would normally take for headache relief. Discomfort can last for up to two weeks.
- You may experience some swelling, which is normal. But if you feel the swelling is not getting better, is hot or infected, please contact our department or see your doctor. Swelling can last for up to two weeks.
- The wound may ooze initially, this is to be expected. If it starts a steady bleed, apply pressure to the area for 20 minutes with the swabs provided, or a clean handkerchief, tea towel etc. If you are still concerned please contact our department.
- Please do not get the wound site wet until the sutures (stitches) have been removed. Sutures may be removed by your practice nurse, or by a nurse at the hospital by appointment.

PROBLEMS

Following your biopsy, if you have any problems which cannot be dealt with as above please contact the department on:

01932 722493 (St. Peter's Hospital)

01784 884009 (Ashford Hospital)

After 17.00 hours or at weekends phone main switchboard at St. Peter's (**01932 872000**) and ask for the oral and maxillofacial doctor on call.

Additional information can also be obtained by logging on to <http://www.baoms.org.uk.sitemap.asp?id=20>

Other web links – National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Patient.co.uk

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