



Electrodessication and Curettage Care

Your skin has been treated by electrodesiccation and curettage (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 daily and apply Vaseline. Keep wound covered for 2 weeks.

Continue these steps until the area has completely healed. Do not use antibiotic ointment unless it has been prescribed by your provider. 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 from the moist base is normal and does not indicate infection.

Things to Avoid:

- Participating in activities that may raise your blood pressure for at least 24 hours after procedure.
 - Examples include, but are not limited to, working out, running, and biking.
- Submerging the wound in ocean water and hot tubs until it is completely healed (typically 1-3 weeks).
- Submerging the wound in a pool for at least 72 hours, then a waterproof bandage may be applied, and pool activities resumed.