

SUTURE LINE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Clean suture line (stitches) with a Q-tip that has been moistened with hydrogen peroxide to remove any crusts. Then blot dry.
2. After suture line is clean, apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment. Unless a prescription was given, any over-the-counter antibiotic ointment will be fine.
3. Perform the cleaning and antibiotic ointment application two to three times a day, or more frequently if needed.
4. On the day after surgery, you may get the incision wet in the shower. Do not soak the incision in the bathtub.
5. If bleeding should occur while cleaning, simply hold mild pressure with gauze or a clean towel for five to 10 minutes without looking. If the bleeding does not stop, try this again. If bleeding continues, please call the office.
6. Do not shave over sutures or they may be difficult to remove completely.

**Your postoperative appointment is scheduled for _____ at
_____ in Dr. Leatherman's Clinic.**



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