

We are pleased to have had the opportunity to provide you with an essential service. Our care for you, however, has not yet ended. We are now concerned with your prompt, successful and complete recovery.

State-of-the-art techniques were utilized to remove your wart(s) from the outermost layer of skin (epidermis). The goal of this treatment is to hopefully prevent the spread of the wart (verruca) to other areas of your foot. For your safety, it is our policy to send this tissue to a pathologist to confirm the diagnosis.



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► **Instructions** ◀

Now that we have performed your minor operation, we are interested in your prompt recovery. We ask that you closely follow these directions for postoperative home care. Please feel free to call the office at any time if any problems arise.

Today: Return home and keep your feet elevated while resting. Leave the bandage on! Please keep it dry and clean.

Tomorrow:

A.M.: Remove the bandage.

Soak your foot in warm water for ten minutes.

Dry your whole foot, including between all your toes, thoroughly after each soak.

Apply a small amount of antibiotic cream to the area where the wart was removed.

Cover the area with a bandaid. If your prefer, you may use a gauze pad and non-allergic tape to provide additional padding to cushion the area.

Tomorrow:

P.M.: Repeat steps 1-5.

Each Day: Until your next visit, soak and redress the foot twice daily as directed.

► **What to Expect** ◀

There may occasionally be some bleeding through the bandage; this is no cause for alarm. If it bleeds excessively on the day of surgery, start soaking on that day instead of waiting until the next day. Apply compression to the affected area to help stop the bleeding.

As the anesthetic wears off, you may notice some soreness. You may take over-the-counter pain medication every four hours if necessary. (Do not take if you have had any previous reactions to this type of medication.)

The area will begin to drain slightly and may continue to do so for several weeks. This may stain the bandaid or gauze pad. The area may be slightly red and swollen; this is probably normal.

If you experience extreme redness and swelling associated with excessive discomfort, then please contact us immediately.