## Houston Methodist ENT Specialists Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

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## Post-Operative Care of **SURGICAL/INCISION SITE**

## Call our office promptly if:

 $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  The area becomes red, has drainage or if it is warm to the touch.

If this condition should occur after regular office hours, we can be reached 24 hours a day through our answering service at 713-441-FACE (3223).

## Care of the Surgical/Incision Site

- $\sqrt{}$  If any bleeding occurs, apply firm pressure for 5 to 10 minutes.
- √ If stitches were used, do not get area wet for 2 days. Simply clean with alcohol or hydrogen peroxide and apply antibiotic ointment\* with Q-tips twice a day for 7 days.
- √ If there are no stitches. You may get the area wet, but clean with hydrogen peroxide and apply antibiotic ointment twice a day. Repeat the treatment for 7 to 10 days.
- $\sqrt{}$  Bandaging is optional after the first day.
- $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$  Do not allow drying or crust formation. Keep the site moist with the above procedures.
- √ Do not wear make-up until sutures are removed or a new, thin layer of skin covers the area (usually within 7 to 10 days).

\*Polysporin or Bacitracin is antibiotic ointments that may be purchased from the drug store.

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