

FACT SHEET: TREATMENT OF CURETTE (SCRAPE AND BURN) SITE

FIRST 24 HOURS

The area treated must remain covered and dry for 24 hours (please do not get it wet).

DO NOT GET THE AREA WET FOR 24 HOURS

CLEANING

Curette wounds need to be cleaned. This is most easily performed in the shower by washing the area with soap and water, starting 24 hours after the procedure.

SALT SOLUTION

A salt water solution can be made by adding a teaspoon of salt to a cooled cup of boiled water. With the salt water, clean off any old blood, crusts or debris and then pat dry and **apply a thin layer of Vaseline or other ointment advised by your dermatologist to the cleaned wound and a simple dressing strip till formation of a scab.**

QUERIES

If you have any concerns, please ring the Pymble Dermatology on Monday through to Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm on (02) 8068 5006. If it is the weekend, or you cannot return to the clinic and you think there is a problem with your wound, such as an infection, please do the following:

- Go to the GP.
- If started on antibiotics, ask to have a wound swab with a copy of the results sent to Pymble Dermatology.
- Please ring and inform us of your visit to the GP so we can document this in your file.
- Signs of Infection are redness, tenderness, hot to touch and pus discharge.