

CURETTAGE AFTERCARE

A curette is a procedure used for scraping away superficial Non Melanoma Skin Cancers which doesn't involve cutting or stitches. The wound ends up looking and acting like a deep graze.

Care for the wound

Healing on the lower legs takes longer than the rest of the body and could be up to 3-4 weeks.

It is normal for the wound to bleed a little under the dressing

Signs of infection are:

- Increasing pain
- Wound discharge
- Redness around the wound
- An unexplained fever

If this occurs, please contact the clinic to speak to our nurse on 9521 1872.

Healing

Reduce exercise as it can cause the wound to bleed in the first 2 days.

The dressing can be removed after 24 hours and the wound can get wet in the shower.

The wound should be treated with Paw Paw ointment or Vaseline and a clean band aid for at least 1 week, changing the dressing every day after showering.

Keep covered with a bandaid until the wound has stopped bleeding or oozing.

The wound can be a little painful and can be treated with Panadol or Nurofen as needed.