

Temporal Artery Biopsy



McRae Plastic Surgery

POST CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Dr. McRae does not routinely book follow up visits for this procedure. Should you have any concerns, please call 905-573-4823 for a follow up appointment.
- ◆ Oozing and light post-operative bleeding is common post artery excision. This should stop within 24 hours of the procedure. Manual compression with gauze or clean towel for 10 minutes (without interruption) should stop most bleeding. At night, place a clean towel under the operative site so as not to soil the bedding or pillow. High volume blood loss should be reevaluated in clinic or in an emergency room on an urgent basis.
- ◆ You may place polysporin over the incision site immediately after surgery and daily thereafter. You should otherwise keep the area dry for 72 hours post procedure.
 - Please use liquid antibacterial soap. The soap can usually be used directly over the incisions and steri strips. Care should be taken if there are any small open areas. Additionally, be gentle with the incisions so as not to disrupt them.
- ◆ While showering is allowed, it is not appropriate to have the incisions submerged under water so a bath or swimming is not permitted for 2 weeks after your surgery or as otherwise specifically advised by Dr. McRae.
- ◆ Increasing pain and redness at the surgical site could indicate a local infection requiring antibiotics. Please contact us for re-evaluation should this occur.

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