

ED&C Wound Care

ED&C is a procedure commonly used for treating mild skin cancers. It stands for electrodesiccation and curettage.

Ideally, the following care can usually be followed—however, in certain circumstances the protocol may be changed depending on your response.

What to expect:

- The wound takes from 3 to 6 weeks to heal, sometimes even longer on the legs.
- Keep the wound covered with a small bandage (e.g. Bandaid).
- Change the dressing each day, applying petroleum jelly (Vaseline) each time. Some people prefer an antibiotic salve (e.g. Bacitracin or Polysporin) instead of Vaseline; this is OK, but does have a risk of causing an allergic dermatitis in about 5% of people. You may gently wash the wound if desired.
- It is OK to get the wound wet, but make sure you change the dressing if it does get wet—you do not want to leave a wet dressing on the skin.
- The first couple weeks the wound is likely to ooze a yellowish fluid.
- A small amount of pus is OK, but the wound should NOT hurt. It may be tender to the touch.
- Some redness will develop around the wound; up to about ¼ inch rim of redness is OK.

Please contact our office for any of the following:

- pain in the wound
- redness exceeding about ¼ inch from the wound
- large amounts of pus
- if, for any reason, you don't think the wound is healing or behaving like it should

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