

## **BOONE DERMATOLOGY CLINIC, P.A.**

### **CARE AFTER SKIN SURGERY**

1. Surgery sites will heal slightly faster if they remain covered with a Band-Aid for the first 48 hours. Change the Band-Aid twice daily and apply an antibiotic ointment, either Polysporin (available without a prescription) or Bactroban to the surgery site. However, if you have many surgery sites, this may not be practical and it will be easier to simply leave them open to the air.
2. You may wash gently around the surgery site with mild soap and water but try not to disturb the crust.
3. The crust or scab which forms after treatment should be allowed to fall off on its own and should never be picked off.
4. If the surgery site becomes red, irritated, or oozes, this may indicate the presence of a superficial infection and you should call our office.
5. After the crust has fallen off, the surgery site may be pinkish-red. This usually fades away over the next few weeks or months.
6. If the surgery site forms a hard, reddish raised bump after it has healed, this usually indicates the presence of extra scar tissue. This usually slowly fades away although it can sometimes take as long as a year or two. As an alternative, a medication can be injected into the extra scar tissue which will usually make it flatten out within a few weeks. Please call the office if you should develop any excessive scar tissue and would like to have it injected.