



Instruction of Facial Laceration

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DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS:

Return to the emergency department if:

- I. You have a fever and the wound is painful, warm, or swollen. The wound area may be red, or fluid may come out of it.
- II. You have heavy bleeding or bleeding that does not stop after 10 minutes of holding firm, direct pressure over the wound.

Medicines:

I. Take your medicine as directed. Contact your healthcare provider if you have side effects. Tell him of her if you are allergic to any medicine. Keep a list of the medicines. Include the amounts, and when and why you take them. Bring the list or the pill bottles to follow-up visits. Carry your medicine list with you in case of an emergency.

Care for your wound:

- I. Gather the supplies: sterile cotton swabs, normal saline solution, ointment.
- II. Wash your hands with soap and clean water before and after you care for your wound. Clean your wound with Normal saline or clean water, gently pat the area dry. Then using antibiotic ointment. Do not use alcohol or hydrogen peroxide to clean your wound unless you are directed to.
- III. You may need to keep the wound dry, don't touch raw water.
- IV. If you're regular taking aspirin, please asking your Dr. before taking medicine. Because aspirin can increase blood flow. Your laceration may continue to bleed.
- V. If your wound was closed with wound tape or medical strips(For example: EPIGLU), keep the area clean and dry. The strips will usually fall off on their own after several days.

Follow up:

You may need to follow up with your doctor in 24 to 48 hours to have your wound checked for infection. You may need to return in 3 to 5 days if you have stitches that need to be removed. Mackay Memorial Hospital Direct contact phone: Taipei (02) 2543535#3124. Tamsui 28094661#2662.

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