

Post Graft Care Instructions

Graft Site:

- You may now get the graft area wet. Let water gently run over the area while in the bath or shower.
- Apply ointment twice daily to prevent the graft from getting hard and dry. You may gently remove any crusted material that comes off easily with a Q tip soaked in water or hydrogen peroxide. Do not forcefully remove the crust, it may damage the graft. It is ok if the crust does not come off.
- Continue to keep the graft covered to keep the ointment in place.
- Continue this care for the next 2-3 weeks unless instructed otherwise.

Donor Site:

- Steri strips (paper Band-Aids) are placed over the healed incision
- You may get the steri strips wet and bathe as usual.
- The strips will fall off after a number of days, sometimes even longer.
- Once the steri strips have fallen off, donor site care is complete.
- Continue to wash and treat the area gently for the next few weeks.

A graft takes many weeks to establish a new blood supply and begin to look normal. Be Patient!