



Skin Graft Wound Care – 1 Week After Surgery

- Leave the bandage in place for another week. Keep the bandage dry and wash around it carefully. If the bandage becomes blood tinged or loose reinforce it with gauze and tape.
- One week from today, take the bandage off, gently wash the area, apply ointment (aquaphor, Vaseline, or bacitracin) and cover with non-stick gauze and tape (or a band-aid). Every day for the next 2 weeks, wash the area gently and perform the above mentioned dressing changes.
- Do not smoke for 3 weeks. Smoking is detrimental to wound healing and may cause the graft to die.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to extremely cold temperatures for 3 weeks
- Numbness, itchiness, and sensitivity to temperature changes can occur after surgery and may take up to 18 months to normalize.

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