



**You have been diagnosed with a: LACERATION.**

**Lacerations** are cuts or breaks through the skin layers possibly by a sharp object or crush injury. These can be superficial or deep.

You received the following treatment for your wound:

- Dressing                      Remove after \_\_\_\_\_ Days
- Suture or staples
- Steri-strips                      Should wear off within 5-7 days.

You should keep the wound clean and dry for the next \_\_\_\_\_. If a dressing was placed and it becomes wet or soiled, replace it with a clean, dry one as soon as you can to prevent infection. After the initial dressing change, dressings should be changed daily or when soiled. Signs and symptoms of infection include redness, swelling, red streaking around the wound, increased warmth, yellow or green drainage. You may even develop fever and/or chills.

If you experience these symptoms associated with it or worsens in any way before your next scheduled visit you must **contact your physician/provider at The Doctors Center as soon as possible or if unable to reach provider please go to the nearest emergency room for evaluation.**

**You have been scheduled for a follow-up appointment with your physician/provider at The Doctors Center. To avoid any unnecessary complications or misdiagnosis: YOU MUST KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT OR COME IN SOONER IF YOUR CONDITION WORSENS OR YOU DEVELOP NEW PROBLEMS**

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