

## EXCISION OF SKIN LESION DISCHARGE INFORMATION

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### Advice following the procedure

- The wound may be numb for up to four (4) hours after the procedure due to the local anaesthetic. Be mindful of your wound during that time and take care until feeling returns.
- There will be a firm bandage over the dressing put in place by the doctor after your procedure. In the first 24 hours the bandage should be left on to minimise bruising or bleeding and you should keep the area dry.
- If you feel pain after your procedure once the local anaesthetic wears off you can take paracetamol/ibuprofen as directed.

### Dressings and Wound Care

- You can change your dressing after two (2) days. You can purchase dressings from your pharmacy.
- A follow up appointment/wound review appointment will be made prior to you leaving the clinic.
- If your wound becomes hot/swollen/smelly or is discharging it may be infected and you will need to seek medical advice.
- The Surgeon will advise of the appropriate time for removal of your stitches. This is usually 10–14 days after the procedure. You will need to call GSSC to make an appointment with our Practice Nurse for the removal of your stitches.

### Medical Certificate

If you require a medical certificate, please ensure this is requested on the day or prior to your procedure.

**If you require further advice or experience problems such as severe pain or bleeding contact our rooms on 9841 3500. If after hours please contact your local hospital (Albany Hospital ph 9892 2222).**