Maxillofacial Unit

Instruction Following Skin Surgery

Following facial skin surgery most patients have some stitches. These will not need to be removed unless instructed otherwise. They should start to dissolve or fallout within a week or two, although they can take a few weeks before they disappear completely.

We will provide you with some antibiotic ointment for you to smear on the wound twice a day. Other than using this ointment, it is best if the wound is left open to the air.

It is usual to have some bruising after such surgery. If the wound bleeds slightly it is helpful to apply pressure with a clean, folded cotton handkerchief to the wound for approximately 15 minutes.

If you are concerned about your wound you can contact the Department on the telephone numbers on the page opposite.

There will be some scar tissue after the operation, it is usual for this initially to be red, but becomes paler with time and this may take up to 12 months. Patients with pigmented skin may lose some pigmentation in the area of the scar.

Please keep the wound dry for 48 hours (two days) following the operation. Following this, you may bath or shower as usual.
However, in the area of operation please use a dry towel to pat the area dry – **DO NOT RUB THE WOUND.**

If you have some discomfort we are happy that you take some painkillers. Please do not take painkillers, which contain Aspirin.
If you take Paracetamol-containing painkillers, please do not exceed the dose stated on the bottle/ packet.

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If you have any problems contact:

Huddersfield Royal Infirmary
Maxillofacial Unit (01484) 342336 / 345486
Secretary (01484) 343219

Out of Hours
Bradford Royal Infirmary (01274) 542200
and ask for Oral and Maxillofacial on call
or contact your
General Medical or Dental Practitioner

If you have any comments about this leaflet or the service you have received you can contact :

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If you would like this information in another format or language contact the above.

Potřebujete-li tyto informace v jiném formátu nebo jazyce, obraťte se prosím na výše uvedené oddělení

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