



Curettage & Electrodesiccation (Scraping off & Dehydration)

Moderate swelling can occur for a few days following the curettage and electrodesiccation (scraping off and dehydration) of skin tumours. You should clean the wound that results from the treatment using soap and water. You may also cover it with a dressing, if needed. (Use a compress and a medical tape that is gentle on the skin.) However, your wound will heal best without a dressing.

Towards the end of the first week after your treatment, a pus-like, and sometimes blood-coloured, fluid might flow out from under your scab. This is a normal sign that the scab is beginning to loosen (and not a sign of infection). You should wash away any dried-up fluid from your wound using soap and water. During the second or third week following your treatment, you can usually remove the dry scab that has formed over your wound.

Your wound might bleed during the first two weeks after the procedure. If this happens, press and hold a compress or similar against your wound continuously for around 10 minutes until the bleeding stops.

After your wound has healed, the scar that remains might be reddish in colour and feel thick to the touch. This is normal, and is not a sign of any remaining tumour. In time, such scars will usually become fainter, thinner, flatter and softer.