

CURETTAGE Post Operative Instructions

- Take care with the wound in the first few days. Exercise, straining or bumping the wound, can cause bleeding.
- Keep the wound dry until the dressing comes off.
- The dressing must be removed no later than 24 hours after the procedure. To remove the dressing, shower, soaking the dressings to ensure the dressings come away from the wound without bleeding. You can redress the wound but it is best left open.
- An antiseptic such as betadine or microshield (not dettol or savlon), needs to be applied to the wound twice daily to help prevent infection, until the wound has scabbed.
- Pain should be adequately controlled with:-
 - panadol, or nurofen plus is stronger.
- Healing on the lower leg usually takes 3-4 weeks. (on the back: 2 weeks)
- Wound infection occurs to a small percentage of wounds. What to look for:-
 - increasing pain, wound discharge, redness around the wound or an unexplained temperature.
 - A small amount of blood under the dressing is normal.
- Contact us at the surgery with any concerns: Ph 3324 0466