

Post Operative Instructions

**FULL THICKNESS SKIN GRAFT CARE**

- Always clean your hands before touching or caring for your wounds
- If there is excessive redness or irritation with your wound/s, or signs of infection, or if you develop a fever above 37.5°, please telephone our rooms on the numbers above. If you are unable to contact us at the rooms, please telephone the after hours number instead

1. **Grafted Area** (*from where the lesion has been removed*)

- KEEP DRY
  - Leave dressing(s) dry and intact until your review appointment. However, if the outer dressing (gauze and tape) falls off, the remainder dressing underneath (foam rubber) should REMAIN
- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE THIS DRESSING

2. **Donor Area** (*usually in front or behind the ear*)

- Leave dressing(s) dry and intact until first wound review
- If you have excessive bleeding, apply DIRECT PRESSURE FOR 10 MINUTES. If necessary, the dressing(s) may be replaced with a similar type. If bleeding persists, ring our rooms or your GP
- If desired, MICROPORE TAPE may be applied directly over the sutures
- DO NOT shave or apply make-up over the sutures
- If there is excessive redness, irritation, or any signs of possible infection ring our rooms or your GP
- If required, pain medication may be taken (not Aspirin)
- If your wound is on your arm or leg, keep that limb elevated for the first 2 days, and whenever possible until the wound is completely healed

Follow up appointment: .....

at:  Kogarah Rooms

