



PATIENT CARE FOLLOWING CUTANEOUS CHEMICAL THERAPY

1. A chemical agent has been utilized to treat your lower extremity skin problem. These medications work by destroying the abnormal tissue, which will often time cause blistering, swelling, and localized discomfort. If this occurs, there is no cause for alarm. To help ease these symptoms simply apply ice at the site for 20 minutes every four hours, use Tylenol one-two every six hours, rest and elevate the foot.

2. It is recommended to leave this medication on for approximately 24 hours. During this time the dressing should be left intact and kept clean and dry. Following the 24-hour period, the treated area should be washed with antibacterial soap and water. If the area remains intact and no skin opening appears, then no further dressing is required. However, if a blister forms and skin breaks open then apply a topical antibacterial ointment (Neosporin, Triple Antibiotic, Betadine, etc.) and cover with dry sterile gauze or band aid twice daily.

3. You may wear whatever footwear is most comfortable. Activities as tolerated.

4. You should call the doctor if any of the following occur:
 - Intolerable pain
 - Severe blistering
 - Increasing redness or red streaks
 - Fever (101°F or greater)

