

## Looking after your wound after surgery

- It is very important that you **DO NOT** remove the dressing that has been applied as you have an open wound underneath.
- During the next 24 hours, once the local anaesthetic has worn off, there may be some discomfort. You can take paracetamol to relieve this. It is very important that you follow the dosage instructions and that these painkillers **DO NOT** contain aspirin as there is a chance this could increase the risk of bleeding.
- When surgery is performed on the head or neck area, please try not to bend down for 24 to 48 hours as this can cause pressure on the wound and will increase the risk of bleeding.
- If bleeding does occur, apply continuous firm pressure with a clean pad or handkerchief directly on the wound for 10 minutes. Repeat as necessary.

## Contact us

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions or concerns or for advice:

Theatres Reception: **01342 4144522**  
Monday to Friday – 7.00am to 5pm

For emergencies out of hours, please phone Switchboard on **01342 414000** and ask for the plastic surgery on-call doctor.

## Reconstructive surgery

Your reconstruction is booked for

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Your procedure is booked on Mr/Ms

\_\_\_\_\_operating list.

Please phone the Theatre Reception on **01342 4144522** between midday and 6pm, to confirm your appointment.

## Additional information

## Mohs procedure

## Post-operative information



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