

## **Post-Surgical Instructions**

### **Curretage & Electrodesiccation (ED&C)**

1. Expect the anesthetic to remain effective for 1-3 hours after the procedure.
2. Mild pain or discomfort may develop. This discomfort can usually be controlled with Tylenol and by applying an ice pack for 10-15 minutes every 2 hours.
1. Keep the bandage in place, dry and clean for 48 hours.
2. After removing the dressing, gently clean the area with warm soapy water. Do not use alcohol, hydrogen peroxide or other cleaners.
3. If a small amount of bleeding develops, apply pressure for 10 minutes and set a timer. NO peeking at the wound for at least 10 minutes.
4. Reapply enough Vaseline or antibiotic ointment to adequately cover the wound and completely cover it with a clean, dry bandage. It is important to keep the wound moist. A dry scab slows down the healing process and contributes to a more noticeable scar.
5. Repeat the cleaning and dressing daily.
6. It is normal to have a small amount of redness, tenderness, swelling, drainage or oozing.
7. If the area becomes hot, excessively tender, red or swollen or drains pus, the wound may be getting infected. Call your provider as soon as possible.
8. It typically takes 4-6 weeks for the wound to heal, depending on the size and location of the wound. The scar may remain pink for several months after the skin has healed.
9. Feel free to call the office if you have any concerns about the procedure, the healing process, or if you think something may be wrong.