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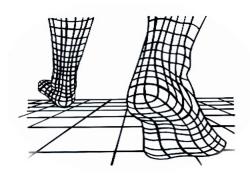
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Post-Op Instructions for Permanent Nail Surgery

Beginning tomorrow:

You may bathe or shower. Remove the dressing. Clean the surgical area with warm, soapy water.

Dry well. Apply antibiotic ointment (Bacitracin or triple antibiotic ointment); gauze and tape or Coban to secure the dressing.

We **DO NOT** recommend Neosporin. No Band-Aids directly to the surgical site.

Soak the foot (2 tablespoons of Epson Salts per quart of **warm** water) once a day for 10 minutes. Manipulate the surgical area by pulling down and back on the skin edge to keep the area open and draining. DRY WELL. Apply ointment and fresh dressing.

As the drainage slows and the wound is comfortable, remove the dressing while sleeping and apply a fresh dressing in the morning.

Continue these instructions until your next scheduled appointment.

Call the office if any excessive bleeding or drainage occurs. Some pain is normal – you make take Tylenol if needed.

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