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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

**SUTURE CARE**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Keep area covered and keep dressing clean and dry. Apply ointment as the doctor has instructed.
2. After the first 24 hours, your child can take a QUICK bath or shower. Keep the area covered while bathing. Dry gently but thoroughly after bathing and re-apply ointment and dressing.

**Special Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**RETURN TO THE OFFICE OR EMERGENCY ROOM IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS DEVELOP:**

- If area becomes reddened and swollen
- If drainage of pus develops
- If fever occurs
- If excessive bleeding or severe pain develops
- If a foul smell is noted at the wound site

If you have any questions, please call.