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Cryosurgery (Freezing)

1. Immediately following treatment, you will note the development of redness and swelling. It is common for a blister to form.
2. Clear or blood tinged fluid may drain from the treatment site for several days. This is normal. This drainage should be wiped away gently with tissue. You may use a sterilized needle to pop the blister and squeeze out the fluid, but leave the skin intact.
3. The site may be washed with mild soap and water then covered with Vaseline.
4. It is best to keep the treatment area moist and not allow a hard scab to form. If a scab occurs, do not remove it. It will fall off on its own.
5. Treated areas on the face heal in 1-2 weeks. Treated areas on the neck, chest, back and extremities may take 1-2 months to heal completely.
6. When areas are treated around the eye, swelling of the eyelids on one or both sides are quite common and may last for several days.
7. When areas are treated on the temple or scalp, a headache may result, lasting 15-30 minutes. Occasionally these occur several days following treatment. In most cases, Tylenol can be taken for pain. Sometimes a loss of color occurs, this is usually temporary.

Complications following cryosurgery are rare. If you are worried by the appearance of the treatment site, please do not hesitate to contact us.