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## Home Instructions after Skin Resurfacing: Laser, Peel, Dermabrasion

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- For best results, <u>use your Retin-A</u> up until the night before the surgery
- On the day of your procedure, come to the office with clean skin only
- Always wash your hands with soap before performing your skin care!!
- Laser & Dermabrasion Patients with OMIDERM

If we apply **Omiderm** on your face, you may **WASH OFF** the bandage in \_\_\_\_ days. Until then, keep your face dry. To wash off the **Omiderm**, take a warm 10-15 minute shower up to three times a day. Let the warm water gently hit your face. Rub your face with your finger tips in a circular motion to help remove the **Omiderm** bandage. Do **Not** use a wash cloth!

After you wash off the OMIDERM, apply Aquaphor and follow the instructions below

Laser & Dermabrasion Patients with TELFA Bandage

You may remove it in \_\_\_\_\_days. In the meantime, apply Biafine three times a day to any non-bandaged area that has been treated.

## TONIGHT- For Peel Patients

- Wash your face gently <u>this evening</u> with a gentle cleanser such as Cetaphil Cleanser or Obagi Gentle Cleanser. Do not use a wash cloth. Very gently pat skin dry.
- After washing, apply : □ AQUAPHOR
- Blue Peel Patients and All LASER Patients AFTER Bandage removal:

## **TOMORROW**

- Wash your face gently <u>morning</u> and <u>evening</u> with the Cetaphil Cleanser or Obagi Gentle Cleanser. Do not use a wash cloth. Very gently pat skin dry.
- After washing, apply: □ BIAFINE OR □ AQUAPHOR
- Every 4 hours while awake apply Domeboro compresses for 5-10 minutes only. Then reapply

 $\square$  BIAFINE OR  $\square$  AQUAPHOR

Compresses are made by mixing 1 packet of compress powder with 1 cup water. Refrigerate unused portions for use later that day. Every day make up a new packet.

Pour a little out into a clean container and dunk your gauze in their then pat it on skin.

- If skin feels very tight or too dry, apply Aquaphor Ointment
- If you get itchy, apply Tolureen up to three times a day only to the itchy area
- Take your Valtrex as prescribed to you for the entire length recommended.
- After the doctor feels you are healed well enough, you may apply a moisturizer
- 1. Keep skin not too dry, not too moist
- 2. Shower with the back of your head to the water then gently, allow the water to hit your face for a couple of minutes.
- 3. Sleep on your back
- 4. Do not pick, scratch, or peel your skin otherwise you may scar or get infected
- 5. Male patients with a chemical peel should shave gently every day, going with the growth of the beard. Do not shave closely. Do not shave on any lasered or dermabraded areas
- 6. Avoid exercise or sun exposure until notified by your physician
- 7. DO NOT BLOW YOUR NOSE- IF YOU HAVE A RUNNY NOSE- BLOT IT WITH TISSUE THEN WASH YOUR HANDSWITH SOAP AND WATER AND WASH AROUND YOUR NOSE WITH SOAP AND WATER

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