



BARBOUR
PLASTIC SURGERY

Pin-Site Care Instructions

What supplies will I need?

- New box of Q-tips
- Mild soap (such as Dove or SoftSoap brands)
- A clean bowl/container
- Normal saline/Tap water
- Triple Antibiotic Ointment (Neoporin or similar brand)

What are my instructions for care?

- Mix small amount of soap and saline or clean tap water in the designated clean container. Make fresh soap and water mixture daily. If someone else is doing your pin care, they need to wash their hands prior to starting. If you are doing your own pin care, wash the non-operative hand prior to starting.
- Dip a clean q-tip into the solution once (no double dipping as this will contaminate the solution). Using your q-tip start immediately around the pin site and work your way out (so you are moving germs away from the pin). Do this once daily.
- Dry area thoroughly and apply antibiotic ointment around pin entry site.
- Do not apply any additional products to your pin sites unless instructed. You will be required to do pin care daily (or more often if instructed) until your pin(s) are removed.

When should I call my doctor?

- Purulent or foul smelling drainage
- Increased pain at pin site(s)
- Increased redness at pin site(s)
- Fever over 100°F

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