

## **Surgery for Skin Lesions**

### **Post-operative Instructions:**

1. The dressing over the operative site consists of an antiseptic wad tied down with silk sutures. This is to keep the skin graft in contact with the underlying tissues in order to "take" over the next week. Please don't remove or interfere with this dressing and avoid wetting it.
2. The skin graft donor site is usually closed as a straight line with dissolving sutures. The dressing over this can be removed on day 3 and the suture line gently washed.
3. If on Warfarin or other blood thinners, these can be taken the day following the procedure.
4. Take any antibiotic as directed and please complete the course unless there is a serious adverse reaction.

### **What to Expect:**

1. Mild redness and discomfort are normal and should resolve over the coming week, getting better with each day.
2. The edges of the wound can sometimes ooze a little blood, especially if Aspirin or blood-thinners are being taken.

### **Contact the rooms or Mr Walsh if:**

1. Some redness, swelling or mild discomfort is normal but if the area develops a throbbing pain with spreading redness, or discharge of pus then it may be infected and advice should be sought.
2. The dressing over the graft is dislodged.
3. There is a dark swelling under the graft or at the donor site which looks like a raised bruise.