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BREAST SURGERY
COSMETIC SURGERY
RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY

Skin Graft Care

Graft Site

- Vac device-Leave in place at the settings that were set in the operating room.
 - The Vac will remain in place 3-5 days depending on the graft.
 - DO NOT CHANGE THE VAC
 - Please Call for the reasons below
 - Vac device malfunction
 - Excessive bleeding in the canister
 - Excessive bleeding around the dressing
- The dressing will be removed by Dr. Tuma or his staff at your next appointment.
 - Do not allow your home health or visiting nurse to remove the Vac

Donor Site-Skin Harvest Site

- There will be a clear dressing in place
 - It is normal for there to be blood and fluid under this dressing.
 - Leave dressing alone until seen by Dr. Tuma or his staff
 - Exceptions Include
 - Leaking dressing
 - Pus under dressing
 - Redness around dressing
 - Foul odor
 - If any of these are present, remove clear dressing
 - Wash site with soap and water
 - Pat dry
 - Apply antibiotic ointment and telfa pad once daily
 - Continue daily antibiotic ointment and pad for 3 days then stop.
 - After 3 days apply skin moisturizers 4-5x daily to site.

Long Term Care of Sites

- Shower daily washing both graft and donor sites with soap and water
- Gently pat both areas dry
- Apply moisturizer to sites 4-5x daily
 - Thin coat
 - Liberally applied
- It is normal to have some drainage from the sites both clear and or bloody
- It takes one year for wounds to heal it will improve with time
- AVOID SUN EXPOSURE FOR ONE YEAR OR INSTRUCTED BY DR. TUMA