



## Absolute Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

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### **After Suture Removal:**

- Continue to protect surgical site-the scar is at only 5% strength.
- A bandage is optional at this time.
  - If wearing a bandage, then apply liberal amount of Vaseline directly to surgical site and cover with bandage once daily for the next two weeks.
  - If NOT wearing a bandage, then apply liberal amount of Vaseline 3-5 times daily directly to surgical site for the next two weeks.

Do not scrub or aggressively clean surgical site.

**What to expect:** residual redness, swelling, firm scar, lumpiness-which will go away overtime. You can start to gently massage scar with Vaseline 2 weeks after your sutures are removed.