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## **Wound Care: Tegaderm**

*\*\*\*If your surgical site begins to bleed or ooze, please hold pressure for 20 minutes **WITHOUT** lifting to check the site. If it continues to bleed, continue to hold pressure and call us at: 804-326-4448. If it is after 5:00 pm, press the urgent button and your call will go directly to Dr. Gillen.\*\*\**

*\*\*Take Tylenol for pain. **NOT** Ibuprofen, Advil, Aleve or other NSAIDs.*

Your surgical site is covered with a clear, waterproof dressing called Tegaderm. This dressing will maintain the moisture of the surgical site and prevent bacteria from getting into it.

### **After 48 hours:**

- You may remove the pressure dressing, but **leave the tegaderm in place.**
  - The clear film is waterproof, so you may get the area wet now.
- If there are sutures, the tegaderm should remain in place for 2 weeks.
  - Typically 10 - 14 days.
- If you bleed through tegaderm - remove, dry and replace with a new piece of tegaderm.
- If the tegaderm seal is broken - remove, dry and replace with a new piece of tegaderm.