



## CRYOSURGERY

You were treated with **liquid nitrogen** which produces a cold induced injury by extremely rapid freezing of the skin. The area surrounding tissues may swell within an hour and may be accompanied by throbbing pain. A **blister** or **blood blister** may develop. **For a few days the treated area may ooze.** Within one week, the swelling will diminish and the skin will appear pink. **The color will eventually return to normal.** Cryosurgery causes less scar formation and less postoperative infection than other methods of treatment.

**\*If a blister forms**, pierce small holes in the base of the blister with a needle you sterilize with alcohol. This process may need to be repeated several times per day. If you pierce a blister be sure to apply **POLYSPORIN** or **BACITRACIN ointment** over the area. A band aid cover is optional.

**WE DO NOT RECOMMEND NEOSPORIN OINTMENT.**

**Weeping or crusting may appear for several days.** Keep the area clean with soap and water. You may shower, swim, apply sunscreen or make up the day after treatment

Be sure to keep follow-up appointments as scheduled to ensure complete resolution of the problem. Call the office with any questions.