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Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Approximate Healing Time: Two to four (2-4) weeks

Supplies Needed: Fragrance and Dye Free mild skin lotion & anti-bacterial soap

Aftercare Instructions: Keep your new tattoo bandaged for approximately two (2) hours. Then carefully remove bandage and wash entire area with anti-bacterial soap and cool water. Dry the area, and re-apply with ointment. Use only a very thin coating and continue to re-apply it two-four (2-4) times daily for at least three (3) days. Do not re-bandage the tattoo, as it could stick to the bandage and damage can occur.

Additional Considerations: Avoid sunburn, salt or chlorine water, or hot tubs until your tattoo is completely healed. In the event mild scabbing occurs, do not pick at or attempt to "wash off" the scab. Allow it to do so by itself. You may apply a fragrance/dye free mild skin lotion to keep "flaking" to a minimum.

*If Saniderm bandaging is used on tattoo, keep bandaged for 3-5 days then remove and clean with antibacterial soap then apply Aquaphor ointment.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the body art facility where your tattoo was performed. In addition, you should seek medical attention if the tattoo site becomes infected or painful, or if you develop a fever shortly after being tattooed.

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