You have just had skin surgery. This sheet will tell you how to take care of the site when you get home.

- Keep the surgical dressing dry and in place for 2 days. Then clean the site with soap and water two times a day. Use a Q-tip to gently remove any crusts. After washing with soap and water, apply Bacitracin or Vaseline and a new sterile dressing.

- Keep changing the dressing twice a day until the skin is completely healed.

- If you have any bleeding or oozing at the site, gently apply continuous pressure, using a clean gauze, towel, or washcloth, for 15 minutes. The bleeding/oozing should stop. If it does not stop, try putting pressure on the site for another 15 minutes. If you cannot get the bleeding/oozing to stop with pressure, call the Dermatology Clinic at (612) 467-5524, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and ask to speak to your nurse or doctor. At any other time, you should call 1-866-687-7382.

- If you have severe swelling, redness, pain, or draining pus at the wound site or if you have a fever, please call the phone numbers, given above, for advice. These are signs of infection.

- Stop using any creams or ointments that you used to use on the site. Don’t do anything that might put stress on the site. If the wound opens call the phone numbers given above immediately.

- Avoid aspirin and alcohol for 48 hours after surgery. They increase your risk of bleeding.

- Take one to two, 325 mg acetaminophen (Tylenol) pills, as needed for pain, every four hours.

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Nurse’s Signature 
Physician’s Signature