

## WOUND CARE: CRYOSURGERY (LIQUID NITROGEN TREATMENT)

### **WHAT IS CRYOSURGERY?**

Cryosurgery is a procedure used to treat superficial (in-situ) skin cancers and pre-cancers (actinic keratosis.) Liquid nitrogen is used to freeze the area, which helps to treat and eliminate the pre-cancerous or cancerous cells in the skin.

### **WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT AFTER CRYOSURGERY?**

The treated areas may sting immediately following treatment. You may apply Vaseline to sooth the area or take Tylenol to alleviate any mild discomfort. The areas will then become reddened and look irritated. This is normal.

Some patients will form a small blister in the treatment area. This is also normal and the blisters will resolve themselves as they heal over a couple weeks' time. You may cover these with a Band-Aid, if desired.

### **HOW DO I CARE FOR THE TREATED AREA?**

The treated areas do not require any special wound care so please wash and bathe normally. You may moisturize these areas with Vaseline or a mild lotion to help speed healing process, if desired.

*\* \*DO NOT USE NEOSPORIN OR TRIPLE ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT\* \**

If you have any questions/concerns about the appearance of the treated areas, please call the office at (352) 371-7546.