



WACCAMAW DERMATOLOGY

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Post-Operative Care

Thank you for entrusting us with your care. Our expectation is that your surgical site looks excellent!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff if you have questions or concerns at: 843-449-0453.

Dr. Coakley's team extension is 308.

“My cancer is cured, my surgery is over, what happens now?”

- ~ Starting 3 weeks after surgery, massage the area with light pressure for 3 minutes 3 times per day. This process will help dissolve the deep layered sutures and soften scar tissue.
- ~ The deep sutures under the skin take about 3 months to dissolve. You may notice little bumps along your stitch line until these have completely dissolved.
- ~ We practice medicine in the real world, and know that everyone heals differently. If your surgical site isn't as faint as you would like, we offer laser scar treatment at no cost to you. There are two things that make a scar more noticeable: color and texture.
 - ~ Pink Color – Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Laser will reduce any pink color or small blood vessels at your surgical site.
 - ~ Texture – CO2 Laser helps to smooth the texture of a surgical scar. We will use injectable numbing prior to using this laser.
- ~ Please put sunscreen on your surgical site for 1 year after surgery to prevent darkening of the scar.
- ~ Evidence shows that silicone-based gels may be beneficial in improving the long-term look of your surgical scar. If you would like to purchase Strataderm Scar Therapy Gel, it is available at our reception for \$25 (our cost). It is applied once daily starting 3 weeks after your procedure.

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