



ABOUT CRYOSURGERY (Liquid Nitrogen Freezing)

Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold (-350°F). When it is applied to or sprayed on the skin, it rapidly freezes the two skin layers. After treatment your skin may sting or itch. The treated spot will usually swell, turn red, and sometimes make a blister within hours. If a spot is treated near your eyelid, your eyelid may swell and look puffy for a few days. Occasionally blisters may contain blood (blood blister) which is more likely if you take blood thinners. The spots will look like bad bug bites, then scab over, and leave a pink or brown smooth spot. The healing may take 2-4 weeks.

CARE AFTER CRYOSURGERY

1. Wash skin as usual every day.
2. Do not pull the scab off; do not pull the blister roof off.
3. Clean with mild soap and water, twice each day. Pat dry and place a thin layer of Vaseline or Aquaphor healing ointment (available without a prescription) to the wound.

If there are any questions, do not hesitate to call the office.

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