

FOOT + ANKLE SPECIALISTS

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## Post-Operative Instructions for Nail Surgery

- 1. Soaking should be performed in a clean container with fresh water for each time you soak your feet.
- 2. Remove dressings in 24 hours and begin soaking the foot in warm water with Epsom salt (1 tablespoon in a quart of warm water) with a splash of vinegar twice a day for 15 minutes.
- 3. Apply Betadine twice a day after soaking the foot and apply a flexible fabric Band-Aid.
- 4. Some bleeding is not unusual in nail surgery. If this occurs, apply extra pressure. If the bleeding continues, please call the office at 512.738.8896.
- 5. Your return appointment should be in the next 1-2 weeks. We look forward to seeing you then!

# **Frequently Asked Questions:**

Q: When can I take a shower?

A: 24 hours after your procedure.

## Q: What should I do after my shower?

- A: 1. Dry the toe with a clean towel.
  - 2. Apply betadine to the surgical site.
  - 3. Apply antibiotic ointment and a cloth Band-Aid.

# Q: How long should I continue with these instructions?

A: Until your follow-up appointment.

### Q: What types of shoes can I wear?

A: Any shoe that does not place too much pressure on the toe.

### Q: When can I return to my regular activities?

A: After 24 hours, you may return to any activity that does not cause pain to the area.

### Q: My toe is red and painful, is this normal?

A: This is usually normal. If the redness is getting worse and/or you start to feel ill, please return to our clinic immediately. If it is a weekend, please call the office and leave a message which should be returned promptly.