**REMOVAL OF SKIN LESIONS**

* Expect the local anaesthetic to wear off after 90 minutes; any pain thereafter can be managed with simple over the counter medications like paracetamol or ‘Panadol Osteo’. Very rarely will you require anything stronger than this.
* Please leave the dressings intact for 5 days and then change with dressing provided by nurse. If no change of dressing is provided, please leave open to air and keep clean and dry. If the dressings become malodorous or ‘dirty’ please contact PMC Surgical and arrangements will be made to attend to this accordingly. Afterhours, please contact your local doctor or present to the emergency department at Bendigo Health and inform the staff of the procedure you have had done. In many cases, the staff will be able to provide simple care.
* Please contact PMC Surgical or your GP if: there is excessive bleeding; your wound feels hot or has a malodorous discharge; your pain is getting worse and is not relieved by Panadol etc.
* You are able to shower/wash hair after 48hrs but it is recommended that you avoid baths/pools until healed.
* Driving and usual vocational activities should not be impacted upon, provided the dressings are left intact. Please inform reception staff if you work in an unusual environment and a medical certificate will be issued accordingly.
* My administrative staff are responsible for the billing of the excisions performed and these are based upon the national Medical Benefits Schedule and consistent with the practice of other local colleagues in the same region. PMC Surgical do not engage in excessive billing practices, but please feel free to discuss any concerns with my administrative staff accordingly. The usual practice is that we will bill you at the review appointment once the results are made available, and the Government will provide you with a significant rebate
* Sometimes when the results come back, there may be a need to remove more of the lesion, particularly if the ‘margins’ are not ‘clear’. This is to prevent the cancer from growing back. In some circumstances this may be performed in the office again or discussion will take place regarding a formal procedure as an inpatient in hospital.