

Date: [Date]

Patient Name: [Patient Name]

Date of Birth: [DOB]

Discharge Instructions: Minor Laceration Repair

You are being discharged today following the repair of your minor laceration (cut). Please follow these instructions to ensure proper healing and to prevent infection.

Wound Care

- **Keep Dry:** Keep the bandage and wound completely dry for the first 24 hours.
- **Cleaning:** After 24 hours, you may gently wash the area with mild soap and water. Do not scrub the wound. Pat it dry with a clean towel.
- **Ointment:** Apply a thin layer of antibiotic ointment or petroleum jelly if instructed by your doctor.
- **Covering:** Keep the wound covered with a clean bandage until the sutures/staples are removed or as directed.

Medication

- Take pain relief medication (such as Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen) as directed for discomfort.
- If an antibiotic was prescribed, finish the entire course even if the wound looks healed.

Follow-Up

You need to have your [Sutures / Staples / Adhesive] checked or removed on: **[Date/Time]** at **[Location/Clinic Name]**.

When to Call a Doctor

Seek medical attention immediately if you notice any of the following signs of infection:

- Increasing pain at the wound site.
- Redness spreading away from the cut.
- Swelling or warmth around the wound.
- Pus or foul-smelling drainage.
- Fever or chills.
- The wound re-opens or bleeds excessively.

Provider Signature: _____

Facility Name: [Clinic/Hospital Name]

Contact Number: [Phone Number]