



WHAT TO EXPECT:

Cryosurgery (Liquid Nitrogen) is an excellent method of removing skin lesions. It involves the application of a very cold material (in this case, liquid nitrogen), which causes a reaction similar to frostbite.

Immediately after treatment, pain and swelling may occur for 1-2 hours. The treated site then darkens (brown, brown-red, or even blue) within 24-48 hours. If the freezing was extensive enough, a blister (or blood-blister) may develop. If blistering is severe, the area may weep for several days.

Total healing varies between 1-3 weeks, depending on which area of the body was treated.

WOUND CARE:

No special care is needed if the treated area remains dry (i.e., the skin remains intact). However, it is always a good idea to keep the skin clean with soap and water.

If the treated area weeps, apply vaseline or aquaphor and a band-aid.