Delayed Wound Closure

Your caregiver has decided to delay closing your wound for several days. This is done when the wound is badly bruised or dirty or when it has been too long since the injury. By delaying the closure of your cut, the risk of infection is reduced. Wounds that are closed 3-7 days after being cleaned up and dressed heal just as well as those that are closed right away. **Rest and elevate the injured area until all the pain and swelling are gone.**

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF YOU DEVELOP:

- Unusual swelling or redness around the wound
- Increasing pain or tenderness.
- Foul-smelling drainage.

Have your wound checked as instructed by your caregiver.

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