

# FACIAL WOUND CARE

- Keep your initial dressings dry. We will remove your dressing on the first day after surgery.
- You will be instructed about caring for your drain at your preoperative visit. Please empty this if needed, and record the amount.
- Ice packs should be used within the first 48 hours after surgery to help with swelling. Apply ice for 15-20 minutes out of each hour while awake. Be sure they are lightweight. Never apply ice directly to the skin. Dipping gauze pads into iced water works well.
- Clean incisions around your ears and under your chin with peroxide, then apply polysporin ointment twice a day.
- Wear JAW BRA at all times for the first two weeks, unless taking a shower.

**\*\*\*Call the office if you develop any of the following\*\*\***

- Fever of 101 degrees or greater
- Pain not relieved with pain medication
- Swelling, redness, bleeding, and/or foul drainage from incision area.
- Persistent nausea and/or vomiting
- Any other concerns