

Procedure Information

Electrocautery (High Temperature)

Introduction

Electrocautery (High Temperature) is the process of heating skin with electricity to destroy tissue. It is useful in removing thicker skin lesions such as sebaceous hyperplasia and pyogenic granulomas. It is also common used in minor cosmetic surgery.

Outcomes

The procedure is an effective method of treatment for removal benign cutaneous lesions of the eye (such as wart, syringoma and milia) with cosmetic outcomes.

Procedures

1. The procedure can be performed under local anaesthesia or without anaesthesia.
2. A small probe with an electric current to burn and destroy the tissue.

Possible Risks and Complications

1. Infection
2. Burns
3. Haemorrhage

** The risks listed above are in general terms and the possibility of complications is not exhaustive. Please understand that even though all procedures are carried out with utmost professionalism and care this does not rule out the possibility of complications arising.

Pre-procedure Preparations

1. Good hygiene can prevent surgical wound infection.
2. The procedure and possible complications will be explained by the doctor and a consent form must be signed prior to the procedure.

Advices on Discharge

1. Immediately consult your doctor or return to hospital for professional attention in the event of severe eye pain with redness and swelling, shivering, high fever over 38°C or 100°F, or any other unusual symptoms etc.
2. Any follow-up consultations should be attended as scheduled.

Should there be any enquiries or concerns, please consult the attending doctor.

Under the professional care of the doctor, you will gradually recover. We wish you all the best during your treatment and recovery.

If you have any questions after reading the entire leaflet, please write them down in the spaces provided in order for the doctor to further follow-up.

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