WOUND CARE HOME ADVICE





After your wound has been cleaned and bandaged it is important you keep the area clean until it has fully healed. Below are some guidelines to help you keep your wound clean and help decrease the chance of infection.

- After the Athletic Trainer or Supervisor has cleaned, bandaged, and covered your wound, leave the bandage on for the remainder of the night.
- If the bandage does fall off, replace it with a new one.
- In the following days you should change the bandage 3 or 4 times per day gently washing the area with soap and water before you put on the new bandage.
- If showering, do not scrub the wounded area to prevent the scab from coming off and re-opening the wound.
- Keep the wound elevated in the hours following injury.
- IF YOU NOTICE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION:
 - o If the bleeding will not stop.
 - o If you have not had a tetanus shot in the last 10 years.
 - o If a red ring forms around the wound, and continually gets bigger.
 - o If you notice any track marks from the wound; a track mark is a red line that will follow the path of a vein up the extremity....go to the ER immediately if you see this.
 - o If you experience a loss of sensation below the area of the wound.
 - o If you feel like some debris or other objects are still in the wound.
- If you have been referred to a physician as a result of your injury, it is your responsibility to ensure you see a physician and follow all physician guidelines prior to resuming participation in any RecSports program.
- If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding your injury please contact the athletic trainers at:
 - o Email: RSathletictrainers@recsports.ufl.edu
 - o Phone: 352- 273- 2439
 - o Room #140 E Southwest Recreation Center

Sports Medicine & Acute Care (SMAC)

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Our providers are the primary care team physicians for the University Athletic Association (UAA) & have over 70 years of combined experience taking care of the Florida Gators. Our physicians are members of the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and the American College of Sports Medicine.

Available services:

- Musculoskeletal injuries and medical conditions related to sports and exercise
- Evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic musculoskeletal injuries
- Exercise-induced asthma
- Overuse injuries
- Exercise prescription
- Concussion management
- Other sports- or performance-related medical concerns or injuries

NOTE: There will be no out of pocket expense for you to be evaluated in the Sports Medicine and Acute Care Clinic and you do not need a referral to schedule an appointment; However, if X-rays, procedures or other tests are needed charges will be assessed. We will bill your insurance for all services rendered.

