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### **Tattoo Aftercare Recommendations**

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** *Always wash your hands before touching your tattoo so as not to introduce any bacteria.*

#### **Soaker Pad instructions:**

***Do not leave your bandage on for more than 2 hours***

- If the bandage sticks, wet it thoroughly to remove. Wash the tattoo gently with anti-bacterial soap to cleanse all plasma & ink. Rinse well with cold water and allow to air dry. Continue with week one aftercare.

#### **SkinLock™, Liquid Bandage instructions:**

- If a liquid bandage (SkinLock™) is placed over your tattoo it should be removed 4 hours after placement with Dial Soap™ and warm water. After removal a non-petroleum-based ointment should be applied & regular aftercare should be followed throughout the healing process.

#### **Black Market Adhesive Bandage instructions:**

- The first application of Black Market Transparent Adhesive Bandage can be left on for 2-24 hours or until the plasma breaks through the bandage.
- When removing the bandage use lukewarm water and dial soap to help release the adhesive from the skin.
- Immediately wash your tattoo with Dial Soap.
- Apply a thin layer of ointment using clean hands; don't smother your tattoo—let it breath. Applying ointment is optional. Make sure no ointment is on the surrounding skin or the bandage will not stick!
- Repeat every 1-2 days as needed for up to 1 week.
- Regular aftercare should be followed for one full week after the last bandage is removed.
- When your tattoo is 2 weeks old proceed to **week #3 instructions**.
- As always if any irritation, excess redness beyond day 2/3, swelling, heat or puss occurs, remove the bandage. Wash with dial soap and lubricate with a non-petroleum based ointment immediately.

***Tattoo Care: Weeks #1 & 2***

***After your bandage is removed immediately wash with dial soap.***

- Wash with Dial Soap 2 times daily.
- Apply a thin layer of non-petroleum based ointment after each washing.
- Apply more ointment as needed throughout the day (4-6 times total). Do NOT allow your tattoo to get dried out too much!
- Do NOT immerse your tattoo in water for longer than a few minutes. This means no swimming pools, hot tubs or lakes until it is fully healed.
- Showering IS fine.

### **Week #3 Instructions**

After two weeks stop using Dial Soap. Continue to use ointment 1-2 times daily for the duration of the month. (Two more weeks)

### **What to Expect**

- *The tattoo WILL itch as it is healing.* Do NOT scratch or pick at it! This could result in color loss and/or infection. Remember, it IS an open wound! It CAN get infected if neglected!
- Avoid direct contact to your tattoo with any pets, *especially cats*. Cat dander can get into a tattoo and cause infection.
- Avoid ANY direct sunlight exposure to your fresh tattoo. Do not put sunscreen on your tattoo until it is fully healed. Once healed, sunscreen is recommended to protect the color.
- A fresh tattoo will be sore for 2-3 days, however any redness or swelling should subside within 24-48 hours.
- *Signs of Infection include:* Excessive redness, swelling, severe itching, pus, and fever. Contact us and your health care professional if you experience any of the symptoms.

### **Covering Your Tattoo**

Never cover or wrap your tattoo in a porous material. (I.e. Band-Aid, gauze, etc.)

If you feel the need to cover your tattoo during the first 2-3 days, always use plastic wrap. **\*\*Change the plastic wrap every few hours, washing with dial soap & applying ointment between changes to ensure infection does not occur. Covering your tattoo is NOT a must and should NOT be done past day #3.**