CARE FOLLOWING NAIL SURGERY

1. **BANDAGE**
   Do not remove or get this bandage wet today. Keep it in place overnight. Tomorrow morning, remove the dressing by first soaking the dressing in the bath or shower.

2. **BLEEDING.**
   Some spotting of blood into the bandage is normal. If excessive bleeding is seen, reinforce the bandage. If the bleeding persists call our office.

3. **CLEANING**
   Soak the surgical site twice a day in warm water and dish soap/Epson's salts. If a large amount of blood is present, clean area with peroxide and q-tip. Apply a band-aid if you plan on wearing socks and shoes. If not, you may allow area to be open to air.

4. **MEDICATION**
   Use the cortisporin otic solution, two drops to the affect area twice a day after soaking.

5. **PAIN.**
   You should experience very little discomfort. Use Tylenol, Advil, or Aleve as directed for pain management.

6. **REDNESS AND DRAINAGE.**
   Some redness and drainage near the base of the nail is normal and will persist for several weeks. Increased pain or redness greater than just around the nail should be called to our attention.

7. **ACTIVITIES.**
   You may do any activities that do not cause pain or get the area dirty.

8. **SHOES.**
   You may wear shoes. Be careful that the shoes are not too tight and cause discomfort to the nail. Soft pliable shoes are preferable or open toe shoes such as sandals.

9. **CALL THE OFFICE.**
   The above are general guidelines. If you should have any questions or unusual circumstances occur, please feel free to call Dr. Greenhagen at 402-391-7575.