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## **Pin Care After Surgery**

***Prior to your first post-operative visit:*** Leave the dressings in place unless they need to be removed for pain relief. Your operative site will be reviewed by Dr. Anzarut within 2 weeks of your surgery.

***After your first post-operative visit:*** At the first office visit you will be instructed on how to clean the pin site. This should be done daily and as needed. The splint and dressings are removed. A gauze or cloth soaked in dilute hydrogen peroxide [for example 3 %] is placed at the pin site for 2 minutes. Next, pat the area dry and apply Polysporin ointment. Replace the dressing and the splint. Try not to move the injured part.

***Pin site infections:*** It is possible to develop a pin site infection. If left untreated this may lead to infection in the bone and even amputation. If a pin site infection develops, you must see Dr. Anzarut to have the pin removed immediately. Signs of infection include redness of the skin, purulent drainage from the pin site, and loosening of the pin.

**If you think you may have a pin tract infection contact Dr. Anzarut through his office (250-597-2064) or cellular phone (250-510-4668).**