

Patient Education: Fishhook Removal

- Keep any wound dressings in place for 24 hours.
- Keep the wound clean with plain soap and warm water.
- Do not soak the wound, showering is acceptable.
- Elevate the extremity and apply ice to the wound area to help reduce pain and swelling at or around the wound as needed.
- You may experience pain at the site from where the fishhook was removed and may take an oral analgesic (such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen) as directed by your health care provider.

You may take:

- Acetaminophen ___ mg to ___ mg every ___ to ___ hours for ___ day(s) as needed
 - Ibuprofen ___ mg to ___ mg every ___ to ___ hours for ___ day(s) as needed
- You **did/did not** (circle one) receive a “booster shot” of the tetanus vaccine today. This is given if it has been more than 10 years since you last had a tetanus shot, or you do not remember when your last tetanus shot was.
 - Antibiotic treatment is not always required. Your health care provider will inform you if antibiotic treatment is required.
 - If you experience symptoms of infection such as fever, increasing or spreading redness (ex: streaking) and warmth, increasing pain and swelling, or oozing pus from the wound, return to the clinic or seek care from another health care provider.

