## **NOSE BLEEDS:**

- After a nasal cautery, ointment (Vaseline, Neosporin, or Ayr) should be applied to the
  affected nostril 3-4 times a day for two weeks. Apply ointment with fingertip only—NO
  Q-TIPS IN THE NOSE!
- After a nasal cautery, if you have to sneeze, sneeze with your mouth OPEN!
- After a nasal cautery, do not pick, rub, or scratch your nose.
- After a nasal cautery, take it easy. No heavy lifting, bending, or straining for 24-48 hours.
- If your nose should start bleeding:
  - 1. Spray 2-3 puffs of Afrin to affected nostril
  - Take a cotton ball and roll into small tampon and soak it with Afrin and place in the nostril
  - 3. Apply pressure with the Afrin soaked cotton in your nose for 10 minutes
  - Release pressure but leave the Afrin soaked cotton in your nose for an additional
     minutes.
  - 5. Remove Afrin soaked cotton, if your nose is still bleeding repeat steps 1-4.
- If bleeding continues, call our office at (318) 443-9773