

## **AFTER YOUR BLOOD COLLECTION Phlebotomy**

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1. The person drawing blood from your vein will place gauze where your blood was drawn. She/he will ask you to raise your arm and hold the gauze firmly until the bleeding has stopped.
2. A bandage will be placed over the gauze on the spot where your blood was drawn.
3. Do not remove the bandage for at least 15 minutes.
4. Avoid bending your arm or carrying heavy objects for about 1 hour.
5. After taking off the bandage, you may see a small red or blue mark. Slight bruising or soreness may happen with some patients.

