

**PATIENT ENCOUNTER NOTE** Date: 10/14/2023 Provider: Dr. S. Smith, MD Department: Emergency Medicine

**SUBJECTIVE (History):** Patient is a 28-year-old male presenting with a laceration to the left index finger. Injury occurred 1 hour ago while slicing a bagel. Bleeding was controlled at home with pressure. Tetanus is up to date.

**OBJECTIVE (Physical Exam):**

- **Vitals:** BP 120/80, HR 72, Temp 98.6.
- **Musculoskeletal:** Left hand shows a **2.0 cm linear laceration** on the dorsal aspect of the index finger. Clean edges. No foreign bodies visible.
- **Neuro/Vascular:** Sensation intact. Capillary refill < 2 seconds. Full range of motion. No tendon involvement.

**PROCEDURE NOTE (Laceration Repair):** Use of local anesthesia (1% Lidocaine with epinephrine). Wound irrigated with 500cc normal saline. **Repair:** Wound approximated with 3 interrupted 4-0 Ethilon sutures. **Simple, single-layer closure performed.**

**PLAN:**

1. Keep dry for 24 hours.
2. Suture removal in 7-10 days.
3. Discharge home.