



BIOPSY AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS

What is a biopsy?

A biopsy is when your provider removes cells or skin samples from the surface of your body. The sample is sent to a dermatopathologist who analyzes the specimen and determines the diagnosis. Your provider then reviews the dermatopathologist's findings and coordinates that with his/her observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps your provider determine the best possible way to treat your skin problem/condition.

Aftercare instructions

- Keep your bandage in place for 24 hours
- After removing your bandage please perform the following steps twice daily until your wound is completely healed:
 - Gently clean the site(s) with a mild soap and water
 - Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of Polysporin (**NOT NEOSPORIN**) to the wound(s). Neosporin or Triple antibiotic ointments contain Neomycin which may cause an allergic reaction such as blistering, swelling or redness.
- Place a small bandage or dressing over your wound(s)
 - If your wound is sutured, continue these steps after the suture is removed and until the site is completely healed

What should I do to achieve the best healing results?

Follow the wound-care instructions above; avoid smoking, sun exposure, & strenuous exercise, especially if your wound(s) are stitched. For lower leg biopsies, elevate your leg when possible.

When should I call the office?

- Call if you experience pain, fever or drainage of pus or severe itching
- It will take 10-14 days to receive your pathology results. We will notify you of your results in 10-14 days via phone or mail. If you have not heard from our office in 14 days, please call us at 877-231-3376.