



BIOPSY WOUND CARE

Biopsies are performed to aid in proper diagnosis and treatment. We send these to a board certified dermatopathologist (one who specializes in skin pathology).

We provide the lab with your insurance information and you will receive a separate bill from them for their services. Every insurance plan is different and we have no way of knowing what the patient financial responsibility will be for the lab services on any given plan.

The bandage applied at our office should remain in place and kept dry as best as possible until the following day. Remove the bandage and clean the biopsy area **once daily** as follows:

1. Wash your hands
2. Clean the area gently with soap and water
3. Apply a small amount of Vaseline to the area and apply band-aid (or gauze and paper tape if skin becomes irritated from band-aid). **DO NOT USE NEOSPORIN.**

PLEASE DO NOT LET A SCAB FORM – this will cause a delay in healing time and increase the amount of scarring from the biopsy. Continue the above wound care until the biopsy site has healed (skin will appear smooth and pink). This can take up to 4 weeks, depending on the location of the biopsy.

A small amount of bleeding is normal. If bleeding persists, apply firm pressure over the bandaged area for 5-10 minutes (no peeking). Repeat several times until bleeding has stopped. If bleeding persists, please call our office.

While your biopsy site is healing, it is normal to have some pink/red discoloration at the edge of the biopsy and mild tenderness. However, if you experience spreading redness, increasing pain, or yellowish discharge, please contact our office as these can be signs of wound infection.

You should receive a phone call OR letter with your biopsy results within 2 weeks. If you have not received results after 2 weeks, please contact our office at (803) 802-3376.