

# AFTER A BIOPSY

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR POST-BIOPSY CARE

You just had a biopsy performed on your skin. The tissue that was removed will be sent to pathology to be medically reviewed under a microscope. Once it is processed and the results are sent to our office, we will contact you with the results. If your test is benign (negative), we will send you a letter. If more treatment is needed (positive), we will call you.

**Typically, we get results within 7-10 days, sometimes sooner. If you have not heard from us regarding your biopsy within two weeks, please call our office at 559-472-7546 for results.**

The bandage that was applied today should stay on for 24 hours. After the first 24 hours, please follow these instructions twice a day.

- Clean with mild soap and water
- Apply Vaseline or Aquaphor to the area.  
Please note that studies have shown that Vaseline works just as well or better than antibiotic ointment to prevent infection. Because of this finding, we generally do not prescribe antibiotic ointment for a biopsy. Up to 10% of the population has an allergy to the ingredients found in antibiotic ointment.
- Place a bandage over the wound.  
Please be aware that different areas of the body heal at differing speeds. For example, a wound on your head heals faster than a wound on your leg.

## IF THE WOUND CONTINUES TO BLEED

- Apply firm pressure to the wound for 20 minutes, then take a look.
- If bleeding continues, apply pressure for another 20 minutes, and then look again.
- If the wound is still bleeding after 40 minutes of constant pressure, please call our office immediately.



## CONTACT US

If you experience any of the following, please contact our office.

- A fever higher than 102°
- You have pain that will not go away with the help of over-the-counter medication
- You have red lines coming from the area
- If the wound has yellowish or greenish discharge

**559-472-SKIN**