

Biopsy Wound Care

Post Shave Biopsy (No Sutures)

- Remove Band- Aid after 24 hours.
- Wash biopsy area gently with mild soap and water, while in the shower is okay.
- Change the bandage daily. Apply Vaseline or Aquaphor for 7 days after biopsy.
 - DO NOT use Neosporin or antibiotic ointments.
- After 7 days, leave the biopsy site uncovered.

The site will be tender, red around the edges, and have a white/yellow center as it heals. Do not remove this as it is new skin growing.

Post Punch Biopsy (With Sutures)

- Remove Band- Aid after 24 hours.
- Wash biopsy area gently with mild soap and water, while in the shower is okay.
- Change the bandage daily. Apply Vaseline or Aquaphor until you return for suture removal.
 - DO NOT use Neosporin or antibiotic ointments.
- Return to office as scheduled if suture removal is required.
- If dissolvable sutures are used, any remaining sutures can be removed at home with tweezers if they are still intact after 2 weeks.

The biopsy site will be tight and tender. If sutures come out, we cannot stitch it closed again, it will need to heal on its own.

Contact the office at 314-230-1500 if you experience increased pain, redness that is spreading, warm to the touch, pus-like drainage, or a fever higher than 100.4.