

POST BIOPSY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Keep the original bandage on the biopsy wound for 24 hours and keep it dry.
2. After 24 hours, you may remove the bandage. At this point, you should begin cleansing the wound once a day with a gentle cleanser and warm water.
3. After cleansing, very gently pat the area around the wound dry with a clean tissue or gauze.
4. Next, smooth a thin layer of Vaseline over the wound with a Q-tip and then apply a new bandage. Do *not* use Neosporin, Bacitracin or other antibiotic ointments.
5. Continue with repeating this process once a day until the biopsy wound is healed. Please note that wounds located on the back, arms and legs often take longer to heal.
6. The goal is to keep your wound clean and to prevent it from drying out by continuing to apply Vaseline until it heals.
7. If your biopsy site required sutures, you will have an appointment for suture removal. Please try to avoid any unnecessary tension or pulling on the area prior to suture removal.

WHAT TO EXPECT

1. You may notice some redness and minor swelling around the wound. This is normal and will resolve in a few days.
2. You may have mild pain from the biopsy. If so, you may take a non-aspirin product such as Tylenol, with food as needed.
3. Bleeding is rare. However, if your biopsy wound begins to bleed, sit down and apply firm, constant pressure for 20 minutes using a clean towel or gauze. If the bleeding continues, apply pressure for an additional 20 minutes. If you continue to have excessive bleeding from the biopsy site, despite holding pressure twice, please phone our office immediately.
4. We will contact you with your biopsy results within approximately 2 weeks. However, if two weeks after your biopsy you have not heard from our office regarding your results, please call us at 704-375-6766 or 1-800-626-6257.

If you have *any* questions regarding your post-biopsy wound care, please contact our office anytime at 704-375-6766.