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Biopsy Wound Care

- Keep dressing clean and dry for 24 hours, then change daily for 3-5 days
- When changing the dressing, remove the old bandage and gently wash with soap and water. Pat area dry.
- Keep the biopsy site covered with a thin layer of Vaseline or Aquaphor. Do this daily until the area is scabbed over. Once scabbed, you no longer need to cover the site.
- You can expect some minor discomfort or tenderness. Tylenol should help with this.
- It is normal for your biopsy site to ooze a small amount of blood or pink fluid. If you experience bleeding that soaks through the bandage, hold pressure for 20 minutes without peeking (use a timer). If it is still bleeding, repeat for another 20 minutes. If the site is still bleeding after 40 minutes of pressure, please call the office at the number listed. If after office hours we have an answering service, please listen and follow the prompts. Someone from our office will get back to you.
- If you had a punch biopsy, there will be non-dissolvable suture(s) in the top layer of skin, which will need to be removed in 7-14 days. If you did not make a follow up appointment to have them removed prior to leaving the office please call us to schedule.
- It's ok to shower, but please avoid soaking the site in a tub or open water until your biopsy site is healed and/or your sutures have been removed.
- **PLEASE ALLOW UP TO TWO WEEKS FOR BIOPSY RESULTS. IF AFTER TWO WEEKS, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE.**
- If you have any concerns, please contact our office.