



AFTER CARE

Biopsy Wound Care

Keep the area dry with the bandage in place for 24 hours after the biopsy.

To care for the wound:

- Remove the old dressing. If it is difficult to remove, run water over the bandage to loosen the adhesive.
- Gently wash the area with soap and water. Pat dry with clean gauze or tissue.
- Apply a thin layer of Vaseline or Aquaphor with a Q-tip. Cover the biopsy site with a bandage or gauze and tape for at least 3 days.
- It is OK if the wound gets wet after the first day in the shower.
- The wound should not hurt. It may be sore or tender to the touch, but it should not hurt.

If you had a PUNCH biopsy:

- There will be non-dissolvable sutures on the top layer of the skin, which will need to be removed in 7-14 days. A suture removal appointment should be scheduled at checkout.
- Do NOT try to remove any scabs attached to the stitches.
- Do NOT be immersed in water until after the stitches are removed.
 - No swimming, hot tub, or bathtub immersion.

Please contact our office for any of the following:

- Pain at or around the wound site
- Redness extending more than about 1/3 inch from the edge of the wound
- If the sutures break or fall out, or the wound opens
- Swelling of the wound or the area around it

Please be advised that your pathology results may be automatically released to your patient portal prior to your scheduled follow-up appointment before receiving direct communication from our office.

If you have questions or concerns, please call the office at 603-742-5556.