



WOUND CARE FOLLOWING BIOPSY

A small area of your skin was removed by a punch biopsy to be examined under the microscope by a pathologist. Please follow the instructions listed below to keep your wound free of infection and minimize any scarring during the healing process.

1. Please keep the biopsy site as dry as possible. You should try to keep it covered with a band-aid until the scab comes off or the sutures are removed. If the wound does get wet, you perspire heavily, or get the wound dirty, please cleanse it with a mild soap and water and dry it thoroughly, if need be with a blow dryer, and then apply *Vaseline*.
2. Throughout the healing period you should wash the wound gently, apply *Vaseline*, and change the dressing twice daily, once in the morning and once in the evening.
3. Should slight bleeding or oozing occur, please control it by applying firm pressure for 15-30 minutes as necessary.
4. Depending on your age and race, as well as the location of the biopsy, this scar could be hypertrophic (raised) or atrophic (depressed) or could even develop a spreading thickened scar (keloids). Should you have any questions about the scar, please do not hesitate to call the office.
5. If you notice pain, swelling, or redness around the lesion or any pus-like drainage, please call the office for further instructions.
6. Please call the office for results of the biopsy in _____ days. We will discuss further treatment plans with you once these results are back.
7. If sutures were placed to close the site, please return in _____ days to have them removed.