



Wound Care Instructions: Skin Biopsy

- **Biopsy without sutures:**
 - Leave the original bandage on until the following day. If the bandage becomes soaked or soiled before that time, it is OK to change it.
 - Starting the day following your biopsy: gently wash the wound with water, apply Vaseline ointment, and apply a new bandage. Repeat process daily until fully healed.
- **Biopsy with sutures:** they are usually removed in 5-7 days if on the face or in 10-14 days elsewhere
 - Do not wet the wound for 24 hrs.
 - Leave the original bandage on for 24 hours. If the bandage becomes soaked or soiled before that time, it is OK to remove and replace it. If the bandage becomes soaked with blood or there is blood running out of the wound, remove the bandage, place gauze over the site and apply continuous pressure (no peeking) over the area for 15 minutes. If this does not stop the bleeding, try again for 15 minutes. If this does not work, you need to be seen and should call our office at the number below.
 - Gently clean the wound with water every day. After washing, apply Vaseline and a new bandage. Continue this procedure until the sutures are removed or fall out.
- Some redness, tenderness and white or yellow material in the wound is normal with healing biopsy sites. If the area becomes increasingly sore and red, or develops a thick yellow-green material (pus), please notify us.
- A slight amount of redness in a scar is expected for the first six months and should gradually subside
- ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CALL OUR OFFICE AT (541) 452-0180.