

Biopsy Wound Care Instructions

How to care for the site:

- Leave the bandage in place for 24 hours. Do not get the site wet for 24 hours. After 24 hours, you may remove the bandage.
- Wash your hands before and after with soap and water.
- Clean the site twice daily with soap and water. Next, apply a thin layer of Vaseline or Aquaphor and cover with a loosely applied band-aid, rotating its orientation with each bandage change to avoid irritation from the adhesive. Repeat these instructions until the site has healed or you return for suture removal if sutures were placed. Typically 5-7 days, but sometimes 10-14 days.
- If a scab develops, please do not pick at it. Keep a thin layer of Vaseline or Aquaphor over the scab.

Bleeding: A small amount of bleeding is normal after a biopsy. If the bleeding persists, apply firm pressure over the bandage for 30 minutes without interruption. If you look to see if site is still bleeding after 10 minutes, cover and hold for 30 minutes without looking. If the site is still bleeding, please call our office.

Pain: Please take Extra-Strength Tylenol as directed and needed for pain. It is ok to take NSAID (such as Ibuprofen, Motrin) if you cannot take Tylenol.

If you develop increasing pain, redness, or drainage at the site, or any other concerns, please call our office.

Please keep the area protected from the sun with sunscreen or sunprotective clothing, such as a hat, for at least 2-3 months to prevent darkening of the post-surgical scar

You should receive a call from our office with the biopsy results generally within 7-10 days. If you do not receive your results within 2 weeks, it is important that you contact us.

Our top priority is your care and comfort.
Please call our office with any questions and/or concerns