

Family Dermatology Co.

Biopsy Aftercare Instructions

Shave or Punch Biopsy Wound Care

Please follow these directions

- Remove your bandage 24 hours following the biopsy.
- Clean the area with normal soap and water.
- Apply a small, yet decent amount of antibiotic ointment or Vaseline to the area daily. Cover biopsy site(s) with a bandage after ointment application.
- **If you have had a shave biopsy**, this site may take 4-8 weeks to heal. Wounds on the legs and deep shave areas always heal more slowly.
- **If you have sutures for your biopsy**, avoid swimming and bathing that will submerge the site under water. Water running over the surface is not a problem.
- **If you have sutures**, please return for removal (unless you have been told you have dissolvable sutures). A typical suture removal would occur between 7-14 days after the biopsy was performed.
- The pathology report may take up to 2 weeks to process. We will notify you of your results either by phone or mail.
- **Call us at (360) 682-5024** if the area becomes red, warm, swollen, is painful, or has increased in drainage more than 3-4 days after the biopsy was performed.