

How to Manage Your Skin Biopsy Site

Patient instructions

- Your biopsy site may begin to drain fluid or bleed within the first few hours of the biopsy. If this occurs, apply direct pressure to the site with a clean dressing for 15 minutes. Leave on the pressure dressing or band aid applied in the office for approximately 24 hours.
- Avoid getting water on the biopsy site for the first 24 hours. After that it is ok if the biopsy site gets wet for a short period of time (in the shower). Do not submerge the biopsy site in a swimming pool, hot tub, or body of water until it has healed.
- Change the band-aid or dressing once daily. Each time you change the dressing, gently clean the area with soap and water. Gently apply a protective ointment to the wound (Vaseline, Aquaphor, Neosporin, Bacitracin). Cover the wound with a band-aid or other dressing provided by your doctor. If the dressing gets wet, replace it with a dry one.
- If you experience yellow pus, pain, significant inflammation, any fevers, chills or redness in the area, contact the office at 703-356-5111.
- The office will call you when the results of the pathology is reported. After 2 weeks, you may call the office.