



*Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery*

## **PUNCH BIOPSY** **WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

You have undergone a punch biopsy today. A biopsy is the removal of a small sample of a growth on the skin. The sample is then sent to a pathologist, a doctor who examines the sample under a microscope and renders a diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps determine the best possible way to treat you.

You will need to take care of this site to prevent infection and aid in optimal healing.

1. Leave the bandage on for 24 hours. Do not to get the bandage wet.
2. After 24 hours, remove bandage and clean the biopsy site twice daily using a mild soap and water – in the morning and at night.
3. Apply a small amount of Vaseline/Bacitracin ointment directly on the biopsy site. – avoid Neosporin or Neomycin.
4. Cover with a clean bandage.
5. Repeat daily.
6. Results given at suture removal

### **CALL if you develop signs of infection such as:**

- Thick, yellow, pus-like drainage
- Fever over 100° Fahrenheit
- Swelling or redness
- Pain

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