

WOUND CARE AFTER BIOPSIES

Remove bandage 24 hours after surgery.

Wash gently each day with soap and water then apply a thin coat of Vaseline or Aquaphor to the area.

A bandage for a few days is recommended, but is optional. If a bandage is used during the day, the area may be left uncovered at night.

In 5-10 days you may discontinue the above treatment. Most lesions will heal in about two weeks; skin cancers usually heal in 3-4 weeks.

Expect some watery discharge and redness around the wound for approximately 1 week. It is normal to have white or yellow drainage around the healing tissue. A red ring around the edge of the wound is ok. If the redness radiates out like a sun ray, or if you notice pus, call our office.

If bleeding occurs, apply firm pressure for 20 minutes.

Remember – please do not apply ointment to the sutures on the day you are to return for suture removal.

If able, please rotate the position of the bandage each day so the adhesive is not in the same place as this can be irritating to the skin.

PATHOLOGY

We will call you with the pathology results generally within 10-14 business days. If you do not hear from us in two weeks, please call our office for a report.

You may receive invoices from the pathology lab and /or the pathologist. If there are any questions concerning this pathology invoice, please call the number on the invoice.