

Skin Biopsies

Background

- A “Skin Biopsy” is the removal of a small sample of skin tissue for further testing and review under the microscope by a specialized kind of dermatologist known as a dermatopathologist
- This review can help to determine your diagnosis and direct appropriate treatment.
- There are TWO charges for a biopsy:
 - (1) For removal of the tissue to be examined, and
 - (2) For the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

Care Instructions

- Leave the bandage in place for 24 hours.
- Keep the biopsy site clean and dry. You may use normal soap and water.
- Apply Aquaphor/Vaseline twice daily.
- Take care to avoid exposing your biopsy site to contaminants that may increase the chances for infection.

Expected and Adverse Results

- If you have bleeding, then elevate the area and apply firm and constant pressure to the wound with a clean gauze or cloth and an ice pack over the cloth. You should hold pressure for 40 minutes without looking. If bleeding continues, then repeat the above procedure. If bleeding persists then contact us.
- Call our office if signs of infection occur (redness, swelling, heat, pain or discharge).