

Biopsy Wound Care Instructions

How to care for your biopsy site

- 1. Clean the wound gently with soap and water then pat dry. Avoid hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, or other "home remedy" treatments.
- 2. For wounds with stitches, wash daily and apply Vaseline (or Mupirocin if prescribed) and a band aid each day until you return to have the stitches removed.
- 3. For wounds without stitches, wash daily and apply Vaseline and a band aid until the area is well-healed with a new layer of skin (this may take a few weeks).
- 4. If you notice the skin around your biopsy site is becoming irritated because of the band aid, or if you are allergic to band aids, please use gauze and paper tape instead of the band aid.

General Care

- Wounds do not need exposure to air in order to heal. Do not let the wound dry out and form a scab!
- If the area develops signs of infection (increasing redness, swelling, warmth, pain, or thick white, yellow, or green drainage) or if you develop fever or chills, please call the office immediately.

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