

## Biopsy Care Instructions

Please observe the following guidelines to help your biopsy site(s) heal optimally: Wounds heal better when they are kept moist with plain Vaseline ointment. Leave our bandage in place for 24 hours. After 24 hours remove our bandage and wash the area gently with gentle soap and water (such as Dove soap). Allow the area to air dry then apply a thin layer of Vaseline ointment to the biopsy site and reapply a bandage. Repeat this procedure every day until wound is healed.

If a scab ever develops over a wound, it can mean the wound is too dry and needs more frequent application of Vaseline. Dry wounds heal more slowly and with a more noticeable scar. Please do not immerse the wound under water (bath, hot tub, swimming pool, etc.) until area has healed. Please gently wash the site daily with a gentle cleanser, rinse off, pat dry then apply Vaseline ointment and cover with a clean bandage. Do not scrub the area. Continue wound care in this manner until the site is fully healed over.

Some pink or red discoloration around the wound is normal. A ring of redness around the biopsy site less than ½ inch is a normal healing reaction. However, if the skin around the wound increases in redness, becomes swollen, hot to the touch, and/or painful, you may have an infection. If this occurs, please call the office at 719-531-5400 or go to the Emergency Room if we can't be reached.

Remember we will be either sending a **secure e-mail through our patient portal or calling you** within 14-21 days to let you know the results of the biopsy are available. If you have not heard back from us by then, please call our office.

**This biopsy will be sent for interpretation by us or by an outside laboratory. This service will result in a charge in addition to the biopsy procedure.**