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Biopsy Wound Care

- 1. Keep bandage dry for 24 hours.
- 2. Remove bandage and bathe as usual the following day. Clean wound with soap and tap water.
- 3. Apply thin layer of ointment. If your provider gave you a particular ointment, please use that. If not, then we recommend plain Vaseline (NOT Neosporin or Triple Antibiotic Ointment).
- 4. Cover with new bandage (Band-Aid or gauze with tape).
- 5. Repeat steps 2 through 4 for five days.
- 6. If you have stitches, repeat until stitch removal appointment.

Sometimes a biopsy site can have minor bleeding. If bleeding occurs, apply constant pressure for 15 minutes and cover wound with a new bandage. If bleeding has not stopped, repeat this procedure. If wound is still bleeding, please call our office.

- Take Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Advil (ibuprofen) for pain or discomfort.
- If wound is not healing properly or is red, tender or swollen, please call our office immediately.
- If you have not received the results from your biopsy after 10 days, please call our office. Waccamaw Dermatology is the only dermatology practice in the area that has a board certified sub-specialty trained physician to analyze your biopsy.

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