

Post-Biopsy Wound Care

Bandage:

1. In 24 hours, remove your bandage and clean the biopsy site gently with soap and water. Pat dry after cleaning.
2. Apply Aquaphor, Vaseline or Polysporin to the biopsy site. **Do NOT use Neosporin.**
3. Place a bandage over the ointment.
4. Continue wound care until fully healed *or*, if sutures were used, until sutures are removed in 1-2 weeks. Wounds will typically be healed in 7-10 days.

Do NOT use hydrogen peroxide. This will slow down healthy wound healing.

In rare cases, the adhesive will produce an itchy rash under the bandage. If this happens:

- Stop the treatment and apply Aquaphor or Vaseline on the wound, and apply over-the-counter cortisone cream on the rash, taking care to avoid applying on surgical site.
- Saran wrap can be applied to trap the ointment and cortisone in place on a daily basis without the use of adhesive tape.

Expectations:

- Swelling, redness, yellowish discharge, pain and/or tenderness are all normal and will decrease over the next few days.
- By keeping the wound covered and cared for in this manner, it should heal without forming a scab and will have less of a chance to form a scar. The wound will also heal in half the time. **If you have any questions or concerns, please call the office for further clarification.**

Signs of Infection:

Call our office during business hours (Mon-Fri 8:00am - 5:00 pm) and ask for a medical assistant or after business hours and ask for the doctor on call if any of the following signs are present.

- If swelling, redness, and/or tenderness persist for more than a few days, or if they increase or begin again after improving.
- Fever and/or chills.
- If the site is hot to touch.