

Skin Biopsy/ C & D Instructions

- 1. Leave the dressing on until tomorrow.
- 2. Tomorrow, cleanse biopsy area with soap and water, pat dry, and apply antibiotic ointment (Bacitracin or Polysporin) or petroleum jelly to the site and cover area with a loose band-aid once daily.
- 3. The specimen was sent to a pathology laboratory for evaluation. A separate bill will be sent from the lab for this work. If you have insurance, please make sure you have notified us if a certain laboratory is required by your insurance company.
- 4. Your results should be back within 14 days. Our office will call you with the biopsy results. Please do not hesitate to call if you have not heard from us within 2 weeks.

When should I call my doctor?

Please notify the office if you have:

- 1. Pain that gets worse a few days after the procedure
- 2. A lot of swelling
- 3. Bleeding which persists. If you have bleeding, apply firm pressure over a gauze pad covering the biopsy site for 20 minutes. If it doesn't stop after 20 minutes, notify the office.
- 4. A temperature about 100.5 degrees for 24 hours
- 5. Redness, warmth, swelling, or purulence at the site.