

Skin Biopsy Wound Care Instructions

How do I take care of my wound?

The bandage should remain in place until tomorrow. Remove the bandage and clean the wound once daily, as follows:

1. Wash your hands.
2. Clean the wound gently with soap and water, then pat dry.
3. Apply a small amount of Vaseline to the area.
4. Cover with a band aid for 1-2 weeks, if desired.

Continue as above until the wound is healed.

Showering will not harm the wound. A yellowish film may firmly adhere to the base of the wound. This is normal and does not need to be removed by scrubbing. It is also normal to notice a thin red ring around the wound.

What should I do if my wound is bleeding?

A small amount of bleeding is normal. If bleeding persists, apply firm pressure over the bandage for 15 minutes. If bleeding continues, call our office during business hours or one of the physicians listed below after hours.

When will I get my biopsy results?

Within two weeks you will be called with your biopsy results. We understand and appreciate that you are anxious to get your biopsy results and we check for these results many times a day. We will call you as soon as we have them. If you have not been called after two weeks, please call us during office hours.

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