



CARE OF YOUR BIOPSY SITE

Wound care for shave biopsies or punch biopsies without steri-strips:

Wash the biopsy site twice daily with soap and water. After washing, apply Vaseline or Polysporin to the area. Keep the area covered with a bandage for the first day. After that, a bandage is not needed, but can be worn if desired. Similar to a skinned knee, shave biopsy sites (without sutures) will scab over and heal within several weeks.

Wound care for punch biopsies with steri-strips:

No special wound care is necessary. Leave the pressure bandage (which is on top of the steri-strips) in place and keep dry overnight, then remove the next morning, at which point the steri-strips may get wet, and you can shower or bathe normally. No antibiotic ointment is needed. Typically the steri-strips remain on until you return to the office to have your sutures removed, but if they peel off sooner, a band-aid may be worn over the biopsy site if desired.

If you have any questions please call our office at 336-940-2407.