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WHAT IS A BIOPSY?

A "Biopsy" is the removal of a small sample of a growth on the skin by your dermatologist. The sample is then sent to a pathologist, a doctor who examines this sample under a microscope and renders a diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present.

Your dermatologist then reviews the pathologist's findings and coordinates that with his/her observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps Dr. Shah & her colleagues determine the best possible way to treat you.

There are charges from two places when a biopsy is performed:

1. The dermatologist for removal of the tissue to be examined, and
2. The pathologist for the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

CARE OF BIOPSY SITE

Your dermatologist has covered your wound with antibiotic ointment/emollient and a band aid. You do not have to change the band-aid until the next day. Please do not get it wet on the day of the biopsy. It is OK to shower or get the area wet on the day following the biopsy unless you are otherwise instructed. Then follow the instructions below everyday until healed or sutures are removed.

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Cleanse the biopsy site with: Gentle Soap and Water
3. Apply antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin, Bacitracin, Polysporin, Triple Antibiotic or Mupirocin or Petroleum Jelly or Aquaphor to cover wound.
4. Place a small dressing or band-aid over the wound until the wound is healed for 5-7 days.

Studies show that wounds heal better when covered with ointment and a dressing.