Post Procedure Care:
Punch Biopsy

Biopsy Site Care:

1. Following the biopsy, leave dressing or bandage in place for the rest of the day.

2. Starting the day after the biopsy:
    a. Wash the affected area with a mild cleanser.
    b. Pat dry.
    c. Apply Vaseline petroleum jelly or Aquaphor to the site. Due to an increased risk of allergic reactions, do not use Neosporin.
    d. Cover with a new bandage.
    e. Repeat daily until the wound heals over.

Limitations on Activities:

1. Do not take a bath, soak in a hot tub, go swimming, or submerge the biopsy site under water until the sutures have been removed, usually 1-2 weeks.

Call our office if:

1. If bleeding occurs, hold firm pressure with a gauze to the site for 10-20 minutes. If the bleeding does not stop after 20 minutes of firm pressure, call our office.

2. Call our office for any signs of infection including:
    a. pus or increased drainage
    b. increased pain around the biopsy site
    c. increased redness or red streaks that develops around the biopsy site
    d. swollen lymph nodes near the biopsy site
    e. fever

3. If you have not received your biopsy results 14 days after your procedure, please call our office.