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Biopsy Wound Care Instructions

Signs of Infection:

Swelling • Heat • Red Streaks • Expanding Redness • Drainage • Excessive Tenderness

Call our office immediately if any of the above signs develop or if you have any questions. If bleeding occurs, hold continuous pressure for 30 minutes. Call our office if it persists.

Wound Care:

Keep the area clean and dry and the office-applied bandage in place for 24 hours. After 24 hours you may remove the bandage and bathe normally.

Gently clean the area with soap and water one to two times a day and apply Aquaphor, Vaseline, or petrolatum ointment and a bandage until healed. Avoid polysporin and neosporin. Do not let a dry scab form. Do not leave the wound open to air as it will delay healing. It is normal to have mild redness at the edges. This may persist for a week or more.

If stitches were placed, return for removal as instructed.

Biopsy Results:

Biopsy results are generally available within 7-10 days, sometimes sooner. If you have not received notification of biopsy results within 2 weeks, please reach out to us so we can get your results to you. If you are signed up for the patient portal, we often send your results to you that way.