

## Biopsy and Curette Wound Care

1. A bandage has been placed over the site(s). Leave this in place for 24 hours.
2. Cleanse the area(s) daily with soap and water. You may shower or bathe.
3. Apply Vaseline and keep covered with a Band-Aid.
4. Change dressing daily until the area has healed.
5. If bleeding is noted, apply pressure to the area for 15 minutes. If this does not stop the bleeding please call the office.
6. Tylenol (acetaminophen) can be taken for pain if needed.
7. Do not use antibiotic ointments on the wound unless specifically instructed to do so.
8. If the wound does not have stitches, a yellow material will form over the wound- this is normal and is new skin forming at the site.
9. These wounds very rarely become infected although they commonly are mistaken to be infected because they can get inflamed.
10. A red ring may be noticed around the wound- this is a normal finding.
11. Any wound on the legs may take longer to heal and may stay pink for several months.
12. The scar that forms will go through changes over many months- the appearance will improve significantly during this time.
13. If you have stitches, please follow up for removal as directed.
14. If a biopsy was taken, see below.

## Results

The results regarding your biopsy will be delivered to your **PATIENT PORTAL** once we receive them from the lab. You will receive an email notifying you of any updates to your chart. If your results are **benign**, you **WILL NOT** receive a call from the office relaying your findings. If there is a **need for further treatment**, then you **WILL** receive a phone call from our office with further information once the physician has reviewed the results. As always, please call the office with any questions.

## Patient Portal

To Log into the patient portal, you should have received an **email** from our office with the link and your username. You will need to select **“forgot password”** and input some of your information to create a new password and log in. Please call the office if you did not receive an email from us to activate your patient portal.

## Billing

Please note: Laboratory work (biopsy, cultures, or blood work) will be billed separately from the doctor's bill. If you have any questions/problems regarding your laboratory bill, you must contact the lab directly.