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Post Procedure Instructions: **Biopsy**

A biopsy has been obtained in order to help us make a proper diagnosis and has been sent to a board certified dermatopathologist (one who specializes in skin pathology). You will receive separate billing from their office for their services. This procedure sometimes involves sutures. Since there are no surgical follow-up days allowed for this procedure, there will be a charge at your next visit.

In addition, your wound has been covered with Vaseline and a band aid. If you have fresh (bright red) bleeding from the biopsy site, apply firm constant pressure for fifteen (15) minutes. This will stop most bleeding. If the site continues to bleed, repeat for another fifteen (15) minutes. Call our office if you cannot stop the bleeding after the second attempt.

The following instructions should be carried out by you after your visit to us.

AFTER PROCEDURE:

- Try not to disturb the dressing we applied until the next day. The dressing should be changed once daily; more often should the dressing become wet or overly soiled. Most people will do this at the time of their bath or shower.
- You should cleanse the biopsy site once daily using care not to scrub the site. Pat the area dry.
- Apply a small amount of Aquaphor or Vaseline. DO NOT USE Neosporin.
- Cover with a clean, sterile band aid.
- If you have sutures, please remember to return to us to have them removed after the specified number of days.
- Please call our office IMMEDIATELY if you notice the wound becoming red, swollen or if you have any additional questions.
- You should expect to receive a phone call or letter from our office regarding your diagnosis within approxi-

We want you to have an outstanding result. If you have any questions or unexpected concerns, please call the office for assistance.

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