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SKIN BIOPSY AFTER CARE

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

Dr. Flanagan and/or her associates review the pathologist's findings and coordinate the treatment for your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps Dr. Flanagan and/or her associates 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.

It takes approximately one week for your biopsy results to be reviewed. Our office will contact you as soon as we have the results.

Care of Biopsy Site (twice daily for one week)

- 1.) Wash your hands with soap and water.
- 2.) Cleanse the biopsy site with soap and water, then gently pat dry.
- 3.) Apply Genesis antibacterial wound ointment or vaseline to the biopsy site.
- 4.) Place a small dressing or Band-Aid over the wound until it is healed (approximately one week)

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

- 5.) Call the office at 561-296-5222 if signs of infection occur: redness, swelling, heat, increased pain, yellow discharge.