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Care for Biopsy Sites

**YOUR TEST RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN
AT LEAST THREE WEEKS
IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A PHONE CALL
FROM US IN THREE WEEKS,
PLEASE GIVE OUR OFFICE A CALL.**

Leave the bandage on for 24 hours and keep the area covered and moist.

If you experience any discomfort, take 2 Tylenol tablets every 4 to 6 hours. We recommend that you avoid Aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents such as Motrin or Advil, and avoid alcohol, as these increase the likelihood that you will bleed.

- Clean the biopsy site once a day:

1. Use soap and water to gently cleanse the area and pat it dry.
2. Apply **Bacitracin, Polysporin, or Aquaphor ointment** (all of which can be purchased **over the counter**) to the biopsy site with a Q- tip.
3. Cover the site with a Band-Aid or Telfa pad or leave open with the ointment on the wound (especially for facial lesions or hair-bearing areas).
4. Do not allow the biopsy site to dry out or form a scab, as this will slow healing. If necessary, re-cleanse and reapply ointment to maintain a moist environment.
5. When the surface of the skin has healed (approx. 4-10 days) wound care may be discontinued.

- It is normal for healing wounds to feel slightly tender to the touch and look pink around the edges. However, if after a few days it becomes increasingly red, swollen, painful or develops a discharge, please call the office.

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