

What is a Biopsy?

A "Biopsy" is when the doctor takes a small sample of a growth or skin. The sample is sent to a pathologist who decides, by looking through a microscope at the sample, the type of growth or disease present.

Your doctor then reviews the pathologist's findings and coordinates that with his/her observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps your doctor 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 in the office.
- (2). The Pathologist for the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

Care of Biopsy Site

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Cleanse the biopsy site with 1/2 hydrogen peroxide and 1/2 water.
3. Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of antibiotic **Bacitracin**. (Do not use Neosporin)
4. Place a small dressing or band-aid over the wound until the wound is healed.
5. Clean biopsy site twice daily.

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

It is important to realize that this is only a biopsy. The lesion may heal and appear gone. However, if it is cancerous, you will need another procedure to remove the lesion.

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