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# 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.

## Charges for a Biopsy

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.

## 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. Preferably 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.