Instructions for Biopsy Site Wound Care
Patient Education
Cutaneous Oncology

- Keep the Band-Aid or bandage in place for at least 24 hours after the procedure and keep the area dry.

- After 24 hours, you may shower or bathe. Remove the Band-Aid and apply polysporin or Vaseline to the biopsy site. Cover it with a fresh Band-Aid or bandage.

- Replace the dressing on a daily basis by reapplying polysporin or Vaseline and then cover the area with a Band-Aid.

- If sutures are not present, continue the wound care until new skin has formed. This generally takes 10 to 14 days. If a crust forms, try not to pick at it.

- If sutures are present, continue the wound care until you return to the clinic for suture removal.

- If bleeding, redness, warmth or extreme tenderness occurs, please call: 650-498-6000 and choose option 5. This number will get you to the triage nurse who can direct your call to the appropriate provider.

  Please note that biopsy sites are often surrounded by a small area of redness and this is normal.

- We will call you with the biopsy results as soon as they become available. This takes approximately 7 days but may take up to 2 weeks.

For questions or concerns, call 650-498-6000. For clinical issues (i.e. fever, nausea or vomiting, etc.) choose option 5.