

GARDENS DERMATOLOGY & COSMETIC SURGERY CENTER

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR BIOPSY SITE

During your appointment today, a biopsy of a lesion was taken so that we may send it into a lab and have it evaluated by a Dermatopathologist. If your biopsy comes back benign, you will receive a phone call informing you of your results.

If your biopsy needs further treatment, one of our nursing staff will call you to give you the results and set up an appointment for that treatment. On occasion a further procedure is necessary to complete treatment, even if the site appears to be healed.

Biopsy results can take up to 7-14 business days to receive, (possibly longer if they need to be sent for a second opinion or deeper sections).

To take care of your biopsy site, remove the bandage tomorrow morning (or after your shower tonight) and clean it with hydrogen peroxide or saline from your local pharmacy, apply a small amount of petroleum [commonly known as Vaseline] to the area, then apply a cover bandage. Repeat the process daily for approximately 5-10 days OR until the skin is no longer broken.

Avoid the pool, hot tub or the beach for at least 2-3 days OR until the area is healed.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OUR TREATED SITE

To care for your treated site, remove the bandage tomorrow morning (or after your shower tonight) and clean it with hydrogen peroxide or saline (from your local drug store), apply a small amount of petroleum [commonly known as Vaseline] to the area, then apply a cover bandage. If the area is larger than the bandage, use paper tape and non-adhesive gauze (found at your local pharmacy). Repeat this process daily for approximately 2-4 weeks OR until the skin is no longer broken.

Please call our office at 561-776-7041 extension 20, if you have any concerns about your site.

For your convenience, biopsy and surgical site supply kits are available for purchase at the check-out counter.