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What is a Biopsy?

A biopsy is the removal of a very small sample of the skin. The sample is sent to a pathologist who decides, by looking through a microscope at the sample, the type of growth or skin problem present.

Your doctor then reviews the pathologist's findings and coordinates those with observations of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disorder helps your doctor determine treatment for you.

Sometimes there is a scar after a biopsy.

There are charges from two places when a biopsy is performed:

1. The dermatologist, for removal of the tissue to be examined.
2. The pathologist, for the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

Care of Biopsy Site

Until tomorrow, keep bandaged and avoid strenuous exercise, then...

Twice a day:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Cleanse the biopsy site with one tablespoon of white vinegar in one pint of cool water.
3. Dry the area and apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment (Polysporin, triple antibiotic ointment, Neosporin, Vaseline, or similar wound ointment).
4. Place a small dressing or band-aid over the wound.

Concerning the Report

Please call the office, (334) 396-8855, if you have not heard from us in two weeks.