

Biopsy Wound Care Instructions

With a soft cloth or gauze, soak the affected area for 5-10 minutes 2 times a day with vinegar water (mix 1 tbsp of white vinegar with 1 pint of warm water).

After each soak, apply Vaseline petroleum jelly (not an antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin©) and bandage.

Do this until the area heals and there is no more open sore, scab or crust.

If your biopsy required stitches, these can be removed at home or in our office after the number of days recommended by your doctor. Please let us know if you have trouble removing your stitches. They must be taken out within 2 weeks. We typically remove after 7-10 days.

It is normal for the biopsy site to be a little red and have some straw-colored drainage. Some discomfort at the site is also normal. If your site becomes increasingly tender, red or warm to the touch, if the site has purulent drainage, or if you are noticing red streaking from the biopsy site, please call our office. These may be signs of an infection.

Please call our office if you have any further questions, 205-682-8022, and we will be happy to assist you.