

# Shave Biopsy Wound Care

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## Instructions:

- Try to keep the dressing dry.
- Sometimes the wound may start to bleed. If this happens, apply focal pressure to the wound for 15 minutes. That should stop the bleeding. If it does not, continue to apply pressure and call us.
- Change the Band-Aid every day: Apply a protective ointment each time. Petroleum jelly (Vaseline) or Aquaphor are recommended; some people prefer to use an antibiotic ointment such as polysporin or bacitracin. Antibiotic ointments are OK to use, but have a risk (5%) of causing an allergic reaction resulting in an itchy rash around the wound, so we don't recommend them as a first choice.
- If the dressing gets wet, it should be changed as soon as possible.

## Note:

The wound should not hurt! It will be sore, like a bruise, the first night, and after that it may be tender to touch, but it should not hurt. It may sting or burn if it gets wet, or if it is exposed to the air without a protective coating of ointment.

## Please contact our office for any of the following:

- Pain in or around the wound site
- Redness extending more than about 1/3 inch from the edge of the wound
- Swelling of the wound or the area around it
- If you are worried that there might be something wrong—call us!