

NORTH METRO DERMATOLOGY

Biopsy/ED&C/Wound Care Instructions

Unless instructed otherwise, leave the bandage on for 24 hours and then follow these instructions once daily for 7-10 days or until stitches are removed:

1. Gently cleanse wound with water and gentle cleanser (we recommend unscented Dove, Vanicream, Cetaphil or Skin Wise Organics Gentle Cream Cleanser) or spray wound twice daily with EltaMD Dermal Wound Cleanser.
2. Unless otherwise specified, apply a small amount of topical antibiotic ointment, such as Bacitracin (available at most pharmacies) and reapply a bandage or other non-stick dressing. After three days, a neutral ointment (Vaseline, Aquaphor, or Skin Wise Organics Soothing Barrier Ointment) can be used in place of an antibiotic ointment. Be sure to keep the wound moist to prevent scabbing.
3. If you have stitches, you should continue the above regimen until you return to have them removed.

Call the office or seek medical attention if:

1. The area around the wound becomes painful or hot to the touch.
2. You see pus in the wound or red streaks (other than bruising) extending from the wound.
3. You develop a fever.

Results:

Although sometimes the process is longer, biopsy results usually take 7-10 business days to be finalized. Please call the office 14 business days after the procedure if you have not been notified of your results.

Laboratory/Pathology Services:

North Metro Dermatology outsources all pathology services to Aurora Diagnostics where all specimens (unless otherwise indicated by the provider) are sent to be analyzed by a Dermatopathologist. Aurora Diagnostics is a separate entity from North Metro Dermatology, and all billing inquiries related to pathology services should be directed to Aurora Labs at 1-800-782-2974.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

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