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Biopsy Care Instructions

You have had a biopsy performed which means that tissue was removed for diagnostic purposes. In some cases this may be adequate to treat lesions. In other instances, such as skin cancers, additional procedures will be required.

1. Leave the bandage on for today and DO NOT get it wet. Tomorrow you can gently clean the area with warm soapy water to remove the dried blood or crust. Replace the bandaid for a clean one every day for a week.
2. Apply a thin layer of Aquaphor ointment or Vaseline (or prescription ointment if given) to the wound and cover with a bandaid or other clean dressing. Do NOT use neosporin or triple antibiotic ointment.
3. If there are stitches, continue using the ointment until the stitches and dressing are removed in 1-2 weeks. Try to avoid placing the bandage in the same area as it is common for irritation to occur from the adhesive. Wounds on the legs generally take longer to heal.

*****Mild tenderness and local redness is normal. If fever, chills, pain, pus or redness develops or is spreading, please contact the office immediately at 516-799-1600 and select option # 5 for the nurses station.*****

Your biopsy results can take up to two weeks to come back. Your results will be made available to you on your patient portal when we receive them. You can access your portal through our website www.massapequaderm.com. If you need assistance with your portal, or have any questions or concerns, you are always welcome to call our office.