

A biopsy is a minor procedure to sample a section of a suspicious lesion.

What procedure was performed today?

- SHAVE BIOPSY – The doctor has shaved a part of the lesion. The treated area is similar to a graze with no sutures needed.
  
- PUNCH BIOPSY – The doctor has taken a core of skin out of the lesion to send off for testing. There is a small 2-3mm diameter hole, which heals nicely by itself.

#### BIOPSY AFTERCARE

If bleeding, apply direct, firm pressure to the site for 5 minutes with gauze or tissues. Do not interrupt the pressure to check if it has stopped bleeding.

After 24 hours, take off the bandaid and the site can get wet with tap water or shower normally.

Dry area well and apply a small amount of Vaseline or Paw Paw ointment and a new bandaid on biopsy site.

Repeat the above process and replace the cream and bandaids daily for 7-10 days.

Important: Never leave a wet dressing on a wound as this can increase the risk of infection. If the wound gets wet then remove the dressing and apply Vaseline or paw paw ointment and a new bandaid.

If there are any issues or you are concerned with anything, please contact our nurse at the clinic on 9521 1872.