



Instructions for Shave Biopsy After-Care

1. Keep the biopsy site completely dry for 24 hours.
2. Starting tomorrow, remove the bandage and gently clean wound with a Q-tip or gauze moistened with hydrogen peroxide or sterile saline. Okay to clean gently in shower.
3. Gently pat the area dry.
4. Apply a thin film of Aquaphor, Vaseline, or Polysporin ointment (available without a prescription) over the stitches. The best way to minimize scarring is to never let the wound site go dry.

This procedure should be done twice a day, morning and night.

If clothing irritates the biopsy site, a clean, dry bandage may be used to cover the area. Otherwise, it is all right to leave the area uncovered.

Please notify the office if the area becomes excessively painful, develops a discharge, develops a red area greater than two inches in diameter around the wound site or seems infected.

It is important to keep the wound covered with a thin film of ointment until they are removed. This helps to prevent infection, reduce scarring, and enhance faster wound healing.

Please call the office at (818) 889-2739 if you have any additional questions.