

**POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
EXCISIONS WITHOUT SUTURES / BIOPSIES WITHOUT SUTURES  
ELECTROSURGICAL REMOVALS**

There may be a mild, stinging sensation when the anesthetic wears off after 15-45 minutes. There should be no significant pain, but Tylenol may be taken if needed.

Remove the band-aid dressing the following morning. The wound surface may look brown, due to the chemical that we apply to stop bleeding, or brown-black and crusted, due to electrocautery.

After removing the dressing, gently cleanse the wound with soap and water (showering is allowed), **apply a thin coating of petroleum jelly (Vaseline brand or generic)** and cover with a band-aid. We suggest that you purchase a new, small tube or jar. If you prefer not to wear a band-aid, apply the petroleum jelly 2-3 times a day. Repeat daily until the wound appears to be healed (a pink, dry surface); approximately 1-3 weeks.

While healing, the wound surface will remain moist and may appear to be covered with puss. This is due to the "Vaseline" ointment and band-aid, and is normal. Moist wounds heal faster and better than dry ones. In addition, a small, red rim may develop around the wound site. This is likewise normal.

**Call the office if, as days pass, significant pain, tenderness to touch, redness or swelling develops.** These might indicate infection that requires treatment with an oral antibiotic (an uncommon occurrence).

The specimen is sent to a Dermatopathology Lab for biopsy analysis, unless you have been informed otherwise. **You might be responsible for a copay, coinsurance or deductible for the pathology and will receive a bill for your share directly from the laboratory.**

**It is extremely important that you call the office and ask for the result of your biopsy two weeks following your procedure. Press option 1 to be directed to a receptionist.**

**Please Note: You cannot assume that your biopsy is normal simply because you have not been contacted by our office.**

*To protect confidentiality, New Jersey law requires that you must call for your own results.  
**Legal guardians may call for results of dependent children under age 18.***