

**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.*