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## What Is A Biopsy?

A biopsy is the removal of a small sample of a growth on the skin by your dermatologist. The sample is then sent to a pathologist, a doctor who examines this sample under a microscope and renders a diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present.

Your doctor then reviews the pathologist's findings and coordinates that with his observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps your doctor determine the best possible way to treat you.

There are charges from two places when a biopsy is performed:

1. The dermatologist for removal of the tissue to be examined, and
2. The pathologist for the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

## Care of Biopsy Site

1. Keep the area dry and bandaged for 24 hours.
2. Wash your hands with soap and water.
3. Cleanse the biopsy site with soap and water.
4. Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of Polysporin Ointment.
5. Place a small dressing or band-aid over the wound until wound is healed.  
(Studies show that wounds heal better when covered with ointment and a dressing)
6. If bleeding occurs, apply direct pressure over the wound using a gauze in your hand for 15-20 minutes steady without lifting your hand.
7. If you develop any of the following listed below:  
Bleeding, increase in amount of drainage, any odor or change in color of drainage, increased tenderness, redness, swelling or bruising at the biopsy site  
Call Dr. Dee's office: (716) 759-7759
8. Call office if you have not been notified of results within 14 days from day of biopsy.