



## What Is A Biopsy?

If any of the above lesions are suspected during your visit, our providers always air on the side of caution and perform a **biopsy**. Lidocaine is locally injected to numb the area before a sample is taken. Your provider will use a scalpel to remove a small shaving of the lesion. The sample will then be sent to our lab for testing.

## Biopsy Aftercare:

After a biopsy is performed, the staff will apply liquid band aid as well as a regular bandage. You can leave the bandage on for a few hours and then remove it, wash with mild soap and water, pat dry and apply **Vaseline** or **Aquaphor** and a new bandage. You should do this daily until the wound is healed. Please **avoid** using antibiotic ointments, such as Neosporin, and Peroxide as these can cause allergic reactions and/or impede wound healing. Showering, swimming, working out and other physical activity are all allowed unless your provider or the staff recommend otherwise. Please note that you can take the bandage off and leave the wound alone and it will heal just fine, but following the above recommendation will help speed up the healing process. It may take longer for biopsy sites on lower extremities to heal. This is completely normal.