

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/her 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.

In some cases, microscope evaluation of the tissue will also be performed by the Dermatologist. Therefore, all services will be billed by the dermatologist.

Care of Biopsy Site

- 1) Wash your hands with soap & water.
- 2) Cleanse the biopsy with Soap/ Water.
- 3) Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of ointment :
Polysporin, Aquaphor , OR Biafine
- 4) Place a small dressing or band-aid over the wound until the wound is healed.

Studies have shown that wounds heal better when covered with ointment and a dressing.