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Post Care Instructions for Biopsy – Mole Removal

- Leave the bandage/ band aid on for 6-12 hours and keep the area covered and dry.
- If you experience any discomfort, take Tylenol every 4 to 6 hours as needed. We recommend that you avoid aspirin, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents such as Motrin or Advil, and avoid alcohol, as these increase the likelihood that you will bleed.
- If the dressing gets wet, change it.
- Clean the Biopsy or Mole Removal site once a day
- Use diluted hydrogen peroxide or soap and water to gently cleanse the area and pat it dry.
- Gently apply an antibiotic ointment to the biopsy site with a Q-tip.
- Cover with a fresh band aid or leave open with ointment on the wound (especially for facial lesion).
- Do not allow the site to dry out or form a scab, as this will slow healing. If necessary, re-cleanse and reapply ointment to maintain a moist environment.
- When the surface of the skin has healed (approximately 4 to 10 days), wound care may be discontinued.
- It is normal for healing wounds to feel slightly tender to the touch and look pink around the edges. However, if after a few days it becomes increasingly red, swollen, painful, hot or develops a discharge, please call our office at (408) 985-2900.