



## St. Louis Dermatology Center

### Biopsy Instructions

A skin biopsy is a safe procedure, but some complications can occur such as bleeding, bruising, and scarring. Biopsy results may take up to two weeks to come in. If you have not heard from our office in two weeks, please call our office for biopsy results.

### POST-OPERATIVE WOUND CARE

1. For Biopsies, remove your bandage the day after the procedure.
2. Clean the wound site two (2) times daily with soap and water.
3. Apply a thin film of Vaseline several times a day to prevent the area from drying, followed by the reapplication of a new dressing.
4. Continue steps 2 & 3 until your wound is covered with new skin. If you develop a skin rash or irritation, stop the ointment, leave your wound uncovered and call us immediately.
5. Do not apply cosmetics to your wound until it has completely healed.
6. Enlargement of the red zone, delayed swelling (after one week), or pus may indicate infection. Call our office immediately if any of these symptoms occur.