



## **WHAT IS A BIOPSY?**

A biopsy is a small piece of skin removed by the physician from a rash or a growth and sent to the laboratory for microscopic examination by a dermatopathologist (a pathologist who specializes in skin-related diseases).

## **CARE OF THE BIOPSY SITE**

Your Band-Aid/dressing should be removed after 24 hours. The biopsy site should be cleaned twice a day with water and a Q-tip. Pat dry and apply a coating of POLYSPORIN ointment (an over the counter antibiotic ointment) or Vaseline. DO NOT use Neosporin. If you have a question or problem, please call the office.

For optimal healing, avoid the development of a hard scab. This can be accomplished by:

- After 24 hours remove the Band-Aid and apply Polysporin ointment and a bandage twice a day for a week or until healed.
- Avoid sun exposure on biopsy site for three months

## **NOTIFICATION OF BIOPSY OF RESULTS**

Return to the office as instructed for suture removal and pathology report.

- Please note that it can take up to two weeks for results to be processed. If you have any questions or problems please call the office. Due to confidentiality, biopsy results are given only to the patient unless you authorize the release of this information to another party.