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AFTERCARE FOR A PUNCH BIOPSY

As a general rule, skin biopsies are extremely safe and complications are relatively rare; however, using appropriate post-biopsy care may further diminish the potential for complications.

- 1) Change bandage on a daily basis beginning tomorrow. Apply topical antibiotic with each dressing change.
- 2) Showers are permissible beginning the day after the biopsy, however, do not soak the affected limb(s) in a bath.
- 3) Keep bandages on while you shower and change them once you dry off.
- 4) If a scab forms at the biopsy site, leave it in place.
- 5) Continue with daily bandage changes until the wound has closed (usually 2-5 days).
- 6) Call your physician immediately if you notice any redness, warmth, discharge, or other signs of infection at the biopsy site.
- 7) Call your physician immediately if you experience significant bleeding at the biopsy site.

If you have any questions, please contact us.