

## What is a Biopsy?

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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. This process can take up to 10- 14 days before you are notified of these results.

You may see various fees associated with this procedure from different providers on your explanation of benefits from your insurance company:

- The dermatologist for the actual biopsy of the tissue.
- The Dermatopathologist for the preparation and microscopic evaluation of the tissue.
- Any special stains that are used to make a definitive diagnosis.
- A consultation may be requested by our Dermatopathologist for further microscopic evaluation of the tissue or confirmation of a diagnosis by an outside laboratory.

### Care of Biopsy Site

- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Cleanse the biopsy site with hydrogen peroxide and thoroughly dry the area.
- Apply a small amount of Vaseline ointment only.
- Place a small dressing or Band-Aid over the wound until the wound is healed.

The healing process will take approximately 7-14 days.

## **Patient Results Network Instructions**

Dial 1-800-400-0470 -- 14 Business Days After Your Test (results will be available on the system for 3 weeks thereafter)

Enter provider code 1830 followed by the # key

After Affiliated Dermatology is verified PRESS 1 To create your ID number, enter the LAST 4 digits of your Social Security Number (0000) and your date of birth (mmddyy) followed by the # key.

*You can call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

**If you have any questions, please call our office at (480) 556-0446.**

