

Skin Biopsy - Wound Care Advice

- Once the local anaesthetic has worn off, you may find that there is mild pain or discomfort. This is usually relieved by taking paracetamol.
- If there is any bleeding press firmly on the wound using a clean cotton handkerchief or clean hand towel for 10 to 20 minutes. Do not remove the dressing. If the bleeding does not settle telephone our clinic.
- The wound dressing should be left on until the stitches are removed. Should the dressing become wet or soiled, please replace with a clean, dry dressing.
- You will be given an appointment if there are any sutures for removal:
 - Date of review -
 - Place of review -
- Once the stitches have been removed the wound should be washed on a daily basis to keep it clean and to gently remove any loose scale.
- The wound will take approximately one to three weeks to heal.
- If you develop increasing levels of pain within a few days of the operation, or the skin become very red, sore or discharges pus, it usually means you have a secondary infection. You will need to be reviewed as antibiotics may be required.

Should you have any concerns please telephone our clinic.

Clinic number -