

# What is a Biopsy?

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 diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present.

Your doctor then reviews the pathologist's findings and coordinated that his/her observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps our doctor determine the best possible way to treat you.

There are charges from two places when a biopsy is performed:

- (1) The dermatologist for removal of the tissue to be examined, and
- (2) The pathologist for the preparation and evaluation of the tissue under the microscope.

In some cases, the dermatologist may also perform microscopic evaluation of the tissue, resulting in another charge.

## Care of Biopsy Site

1. Wash your hand with soap and water.
2. Cleanse the biopsy site everyday with:
  - ½ part Hydrogen Peroxide mixed with ½ part water
  - Hydrogen peroxide
3. Thoroughly dry the area and apply a small amount of ointment twice a day.  
( Aquaphor, white petrolatum).
4. Place a small non-stick telfa dressing or band-aid over the wound until the wound is healed.  
Studies show that wounds heal better when covered with ointment and a dressing.

**Please note all surgeries are preformed in our Clermont office, map below.**

