

## **Post-Biopsy/Wound Care Instructions**

After 24 hours you may bathe normally unless otherwise instructed.

### **Twice daily you should:**

1. Wash the wound with mild soap and water
2. Apply an antibiotic ointment: *Polysporin* or *Bacitracin* is available at most pharmacies but *Aquaphor Healing Ointment* is preferred. Do not use *Neosporin*.
3. Cover wound with a Band-Aid or other non-stick dressing.
4. Continue this regimen for the next ten days unless otherwise instructed. If you have stitches, you should continue the above regimen until you return to have them removed.

### **Call the office if:**

- The area around the wound becomes painful or hot to the touch.
- You see pus in the wound, or red streaks extending away from the wound.
- You develop a fever.

Biopsy results usually take 7-10 days to be finalized although sometimes this process can take longer. Please call the office 14 days after the procedure if you have not been notified of your results. If you are returning for stitch removal, your results will be discussed at that time.