

## PUNCH BIOPSY/ EXCISION WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Do not get the wound wet for 48 hours after the procedure. After the first 24 hours, remove the outer bandage.
- If you have steri-strips, continue to keep the area dry and leave the steri-strips in place until they fall off on their own.
- If you do not have steri-strips or when the steri-strips fall off, gently cleanse the area with mild soap and water and pat dry.
- Apply a small amount of Vaseline or Aquaphor to the area. Do not use any other topical ointment or cream unless instructed.
- Cover the area with a band-aid or non-stick gauze and tape.
- Continue this wound care daily until the sutures are removed or the site is completely healed.
- It is advised that you avoid any strenuous activities that may affect the surgical site for 2 weeks.
- If the area becomes red, swollen, and painful or there is a noticeable amount of discharge or oozing please call (918) 760-0700.
- If you have not received your pathology results within two to three weeks please call the office at (918) 760-0700.