

## **Biopsy Aftercare Instructions**

### **What you should know:**

- A shave biopsy is a procedure used to remove a small piece of skin for testing. Part or all of the skin lesion (affected area of skin) may be removed.
- A punch biopsy allows the whole thickness of a very small piece of skin to be taken. A suture will be placed and you will be informed if it needs to be removed or if it will dissolve.
- The bandage placed at the time of visit can be removed in 24 hours. Carefully wash the wound with soap and water daily. Dry the area and apply Vaseline or Aquaphor to the wound. Apply a new clean bandage as directed. Change your bandages when they get wet or dirty. Bandage can be discontinued after 1 week.
- It takes approximately one to two weeks to heal completely. Occasionally the lower leg may take longer to heal.

For any questions please call: (713) 487-8233.