

## SKIN BIOPSY

Skin biopsy is a minor procedure in which a small piece of skin tissue is removed and sent to pathology for diagnostic purposes. The biopsy site is numbed with an injection of local anesthetic. The skin specimen is then removed with surgical instrument(s). Bleeding may be controlled with topical agent (Drysol), electrodesiccation, or suture closure of the wound.

POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS: **pain, fainting, reaction to local anesthesia, bleeding, infection, ulceration, skin discoloration, numbness, and scarring.**

### CARE FOR A BIOPSY SITE:

1. Leave the bandage on and keep the wound dry for 24 hours.
2. After 24 hours, clean wound twice daily with sterile then apply AQUAPHOR, VASELINE, or POLYSPORIN OINTMENT.
3. May protect the wound with a band aid or other sterile dressing.
4. Return to the clinic for follow-up and/or suture removal in \_\_\_\_ days.

I hereby authorize providers of Advanced Derm-Plastic, P.A. or the designate to perform the skin biopsy.

**I understand that my biopsy is being sent to a laboratory which may issue a bill.** I authorize the release of any medical or other information necessary to process this claim. I authorize payment of medical benefits and/or government benefits to the undersigned physician or supplier for the services described. I understand if any services or charges are not covered by my insurance carrier or my eligibility cannot be verified, I am responsible for all charges incurred.

I have read and understood the above statement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:

Name:

Patient's name: