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### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARE OF SHAVE BIOPSY SITE**

Keep the area bandaged and dry for the first 24 hours, and then gently remove the bandage. To care for the area until it heals (one to three weeks), cleanse the area gently with soap and water twice a day. After washing, apply a small amount of antibiotic ointment (**Polysporin**) and a Band-Aid. Continue these steps until the area has completely healed. Do not use any ointment containing cortisone because it will slow the healing process.

The treatment site will heal from the sides over a period of one to three weeks. Some redness surrounding the treated area is expected, but the area should not become painful. The surface will remain moist while it is healing. This will result in less scarring than letting a dry, hard scab form. A cloudy yellowish appearance for the moist base is normal and does not indicate infection.

If you have any discomfort in the area, please take over-the-counter pain medication as directed on the label. If that does not give you adequate relief, or if you experience signs of infection such as marked redness or fever, please call the office at 692-3000.