

## Care of the Procedure Site

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If a bandage or dressing has been placed at the site, please leave this in place until the following day. You can bathe normally with the dressing in place, then remove the dressing and gently cleanse the site with soap and water.

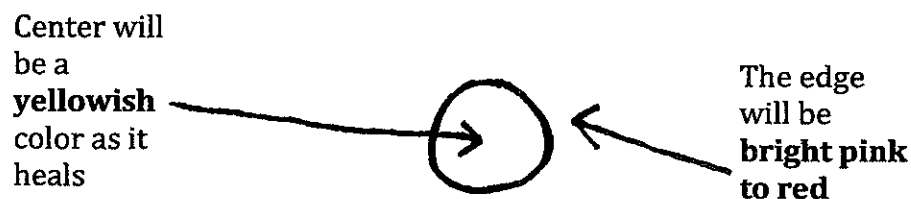
Keep the site lubricated at all times with 100% petroleum jelly. Antibiotic ointment is not recommended because allergic reactions often develop with repeated use of the product. It is fine to cover the site with a bandage for comfort or appearance. Do not allow a hard scab to form as this slows the healing.

If bleeding occurs, remove the dressing and place firm pressure on the site for 20 minutes. If bleeding does not stop, please call the office.

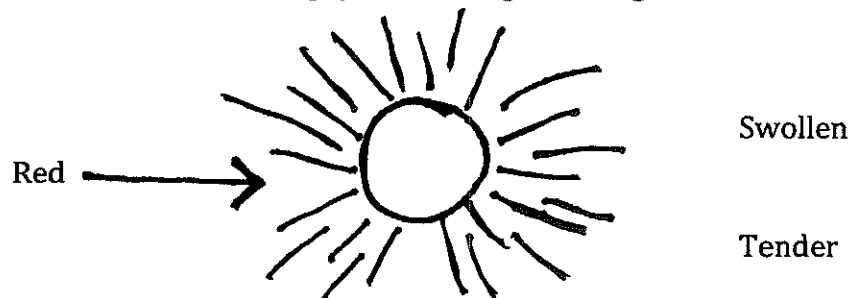
It is common for procedure sites to have some slight pinkness around the edges. If this is progressing with unusual discomfort, swelling, redness, or drainage, please call the office to have this checked.

For punch biopsies, a material that your body can absorb, called *gel foam*, is often used to stop the bleeding.

A **healthy healing** wound of a shave biopsy or curettage site should look like this:



An **unhealthy** wound of a shave biopsy or curettage site might look like this:



**NOTE: You will be billed separately by the pathologist or outside lab for any tissue submitted for diagnosis or margins.**