

# A<sup>to</sup> Dermatology

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## What is a Biopsy?

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A biopsy is the removal of a small sample of growth on the skin. The sample is sent to a lab, a pathologist will examine the sample under a microscope and will render a diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present.

Our providers will review the pathologist's report and coordinates with his/her observation of your condition. Knowing the type of growth or disease helps your provider determine the best possible way to treat you. This process can take 10-14 days before you're notified of results.

You may see various fees associated with your biopsy from different providers on your explanation of benefits (EOB) from your insurance company.

- The provider for the actual biopsy of the tissue.
- The provider for the preparation and microscope evaluation of the tissue.
- Any special stains that are used to make a definite diagnosis.

### Care of Biopsy Site

- Wash the biopsy site with soap and water
- Cleanse the biopsy site with hydrogen peroxide and thoroughly dry the area.
- Apply a small amount of Vaseline ointment only.
- Place a small dressing or Band-Aid over the wound until it's healed.

The healing process will take 7-14 days. Any questions contact us (480) 982-3337.