



## POST PUNCH BIOPSY CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- You have had a **punch biopsy** performed today. You may have one or two sutures and a small dressing on your biopsy site. Leave the original dressing in place for 1-2 days as the dressing helps to minimize the risk of bleeding and infection.
- Once you have removed the dressing, you can shower/shampoo normally allowing the wound to be wet and gently cleaned under running water on a daily basis .
- Ensure you take care to avoid any excessive strain on your biopsy site – especially if you have sutures in place, as the sutures may split open. If you develop any signs of infection, bleeding or any other complications, please call Dr Jeremy Banky, and arrange a review appointment so he can assess your biopsy site.
- Depending on the circumstances of the biopsy you may have an appointment made for you in 1-2 weeks. At this appointment you will be seen by Dr Banky, given your pathology results and any sutures you may have had will be removed.
- Alternatively, you may be told of the biopsy result via a telephone call. If further surgery is required this will be made at the time of the results being told to you.
- If you do not have an appointment and haven't received a phone call within 10 days, please phone Dr Banky's Rooms on **03 9519 9500**

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**If you have any concerns, please contact Dr Banky on 03 9519 9500**

NB. In the case of an emergency, or if unable to make contact, please seek advice from your GP or nearest hospital emergency department