

BIOPSY INFORMATION & CARE INSTRUCTIONS

FREEZING

A blister may form at the site after freezing. It may become a blood blister. A small red zone around the treated site is normal. Healing generally occurs in one (1) month. Swelling is not cause for alarm and should disappear over a period of seven (7) days. Allow several weeks for your skin to return to its normal color.

BIOPSY

What is a biopsy?

A “biopsy” is the removal of a small sample of skin that is sent to a dermatopathologist, who examines the sample under a microscope and makes a diagnosis regarding the type of growth or disease present.

When will you receive the results?

Results are usually ready within 14 business days of the biopsy. If you do not hear from us in 14 business days, please call our pathology department for results at 954-229-7434.

Why is your biopsy sent to the Forefront Laboratory?

We chose the Forefront laboratory given the dermatopathologist expertise, the strong supporting technical team, and the state-of-the-art lab equipment.

How do you care for your biopsy site?

1. Remove your bandage the day after the procedure.
2. Clean the wound site two (2) times daily with soap and water.
3. Apply a thin film of Vaseline several times a day to prevent the area from drying, followed by the reapplication of a new dressing.
4. Continue steps 2 & 3 until your wound is covered with new skin. **If you develop a skin rash or irritation, stop the ointment, leave your wound uncovered and call us immediately.**
5. Do not apply cosmetics to your wound until it has completely healed.
6. Enlargement of the red zone, delayed swelling (after one week), or pus may indicate infection. **CALL OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AT 954-500-7546 IF ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS OCCUR.**

CHARGES ON YOUR BILL

Technical Component (Shown as LAB TC) The preparation of your tissue on a slide for evaluation is called the technical component. You will see the name of their laboratory Medical Director, Kelli A. Hutchens, MD on your billing statement. Dr. Hutchins oversees the process to ensure the quality and integrity of the specimen.

Professional Component (Shown as LAB PC) The evaluation and diagnosis of your tissue by the dermatopathologist is called the professional component.

Global Charge (Shown as LAB GBL) A global charge includes both the professional and technical components in a single charge.

Additional Charges or Bills

On occasion, additional charges may occur if the dermatopathologist must order additional in-house tests to render a final diagnosis. In certain instances, the dermatopathologist may seek a second opinion from an outside lab on your case. We will notify you in this event.

Should you have any questions please contact their billing department toll-free at 1-866-630-9882.