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**INSTRUCTION FOR CARE OF PUNCH BIOPSY WITH SUTURES**

1. Keep the area clean and dry for 24-48 hours with the pressure bandage in place.
2. After 48 hours, remove the pressure bandage. Leave the steri-strips in place until the sutures are removed. Continue to keep the area clean and dry.
3. Your sutures will be removed in \_\_\_\_\_ days
4. The surgical site must stay clean and dry while showering or bathing. We suggest plastic wrap or waterproof tape around the surgical site if it is in an area that will be exposed to water.

**Bleeding:**

1. Use a tightly rolled gauze or cloth to apply direct pressure over the bandage for 20 minutes. Apply for an additional 20 minutes if necessary.
2. Call the office or go to the nearest emergency room if pressure fails to stop the bleeding.
3. Begin wound care 24 hours after the surgery as directed.

**Supplies Needed/May Need    A) GAUZE    B) PAPER TAPE**