

## **Skin Biopsy : Simple .**

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Sometimes a piece of skin is necessary to get a diagnosis. This is done under local anaesthetic by injection. Once numb a piece of skin is removed using a punch, or even direct incision. Afterwards the wound is stitched if needed. Sometimes wounds heal better without stitches.

Some lesions are scooped out with a curette or dermablade, called a curette biopsy or shave biopsy.

Wound care instructions will be given, most wound dressings are removed in 2-3 days, then the wound heals with air exposure plus Vaseline applied to the wound area. At follow up the histology report is discussed and further treatment plans if any.

Any concerns please call Dr Tharakaram's secretary on 07562146782; Dr Tharakaram is on 07775575458 and prefers being messaged.

### **Important Information:**

- **Do you take warfarin, apixaban, dabigatran , aspirin: basically blood thinning medicines?**
- **Any other medicines?**
- **If you have hypertension then its best to get this well controlled before surgery. Check this with your GP or practice nurse. We do check your BP before the op but if its too high the op maybe deferred.**
- **Do you have a pacemaker or intra-cardiac defibrillator**

**Its good to have someone take you back home safely as some people may feel queezy.**