

## FACT SHEET: BIOPSY PROCEDURE AFTERCARE

### FIRST 24 HOURS

The area treated must remain covered and dry for 24 hours (please do not get it wet).

***DO NOT GET THE AREA WET FOR 24 HOURS***

### CLEANING THE AREA

After 24 hours you may shower / bathe as normal. Clean the area with a salt water solution and cotton buds twice a day. A salt water solution can be made by adding a teaspoon of salt to a cup of cooled boiled water.

### APPLYING OINTMENT

Pat dry and apply a thin smear of Vaseline to the cleaned wound (or other ointment or powder prescribed by your doctor).

### COVERING THE WOUND

It is not necessary to cover the wound, however, if you wish to cover it, please use Band-Aid, Handypor or similar porous dressing.

### QUERIES

If you have any concerns, please ring the Pymble Dermatology on Monday through to Friday between the hours of 8am and 5pm on (02) 8068 5006. If it is the weekend, or you cannot return to the clinic and you think there is a problem with your wound, such as an infection, please do the following:

- Go to the GP.
- If started on antibiotics, ask to have a wound swab with a copy of the results sent to Pymble Dermatology.
- Please ring and inform us of your visit to the GP so we can document this in your file.
- Signs of Infection are redness, tenderness, hot to touch and pus discharge.