

## POST-BIOPSY GUIDANCE

### CARING FOR YOUR BIOPSY SITES

One or more of your biopsy sites may continue to bleed for the rest of the day. If bleeding persists after 48 hours, you should continue to keep the biopsy site dry and refrain from soaking. Each biopsy site may or may not form a scab in a few days. **While the biopsy sites heal, make sure to:**



Always keep the biopsy areas clean and dry



**DO NOT** soak in water for 48 hours:

- No swimming
- No hot tubs
- No baths

Showers are permitted within the first 24 hours, but avoid direct, prolonged water contact with the biopsy sites



Change the bandages whenever they become wet or damp

For each biopsy site, a bandage is no longer necessary if:

- A scab has formed
- New skin begins to grow over the biopsy sites and the bleeding has stopped

One or more biopsy sites may form a small bump or a small indent, and could form a small scar. But in most cases, after a few months pass, you won't be able to notice from where the biopsies were taken.

#### WHEN TO CALL YOUR CLINICIAN WHO PERFORMED THE BIOPSY:

❗ Redness around one or more of the biopsy sites has spread significantly

❗ There is discharge coming from a biopsy site

❗ You have a fever of 100°F or higher

**Follow the instructions provided by your clinician. Contact your clinician if you have questions regarding your biopsies and the healing process.**