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Having a skin biopsy (Easy Read)



Your skin is the biggest part of your body. It stops bugs getting into your body and holds all your bones and organs in place. You are coming to hospital for a skin biopsy (said: bye-opp-see).



A biopsy is a tiny bit of body tissue. People in our laboratory (said: lab-or-ra-tree) look at it under a microscope (said: my-cro-scope). This helps the doctors work out how to look after you.



First we will put some cream on your skin where the biopsy will be taken. This makes your skin numb so you will not feel much.



Next we will give you an injection to make sure you do not feel any pain for a few hours. The doctor will quickly take a small bit of skin to send to our laboratory.



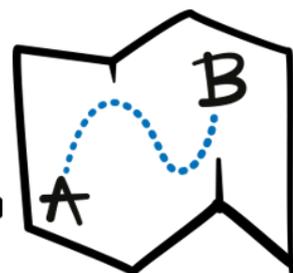
The area may bleed a bit afterwards but will soon stop. We will put some sticky paper strips over the area to hold it closed. We then put a plaster over the top to keep it clean while it gets better.



You might feel a bit sore where the biopsy was taken. You can take pain medicine to help.



You can go home a bit later the same day. Keep the dressing dry for 2 days. Tell someone if there is anything making the plaster wet.





Your doctor will get a report of the results of the biopsy. They will discuss it with you in clinic as soon as possible.



Please ask us if you have any questions.

