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Useful Websites

www.baus.org.uk

www.nhs.co.uk

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Penile Biopsy (skin lesion)

Post Operative Information Leaflet

This leaflet can be made available
in alternative languages / formats on request.

如有需要，本传单可提供其他语言/版式
此單張的其他語言/格式版本可按要求提供

Na żądanie ta ulotka może zostać udostępniona
w innych językach/formatkach.

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Details of the procedure

You may have a full general anaesthetic (where you are asleep) although, most commonly, the procedure is done under local anaesthetic (with you awake) if local anaesthetic is being used, the injection causes some discomfort and the needle prick is painful (like a “bee sting”).

The skin lesion will be removed or incised using a scalpel or electric current, we use dissolvable stitches to close the skin; these normally disappear within two to three weeks.

Occasionally, we use a biopsy needle to get tissue for analysis, without the need for an incision or stitches.

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- The local anaesthetic will wear off after four to six hours.
- You may get some swelling at the biopsy site which can last several days; simple painkillers such as paracetamol should help to reduce this. Always read the label.
- The stitches will be dissolvable and usually disappear after two to three weeks.
- Any dressing (if applicable) should remain in place for 24 to 48 hours.
- Try to keep the biopsy site dry for the first 48 hours.

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- Any signs of infection such as: inflammation, discharge or oozing from the wound, high temperature, pain that does not respond to analgesia. Please contact your GP or visit your local Walk In/Urgent Care Centre.
- You will be given a copy of your discharge summary and a copy will also be sent to your GP.
- A follow-up appointment may be made for you to discuss the results of the biopsy, if you do not receive this, please contact the urology secretaries via Whiston switchboard on 0151 426 1600.

Are there any after-effects?

The possible after-effects and your risk of getting them are shown below. Some are self-limiting or reversible, but others are not.

- Infection in your wound (Between 1 in 10 & 1 in 50 patients)
- Poor healing or breakdown of the wound (Between 1 in 10 & 1 in 50 patients)
- Inconclusive results from the biopsy (Between 1 in 10 & 1 in 50 patients).