



BAYSIDE LAKES  
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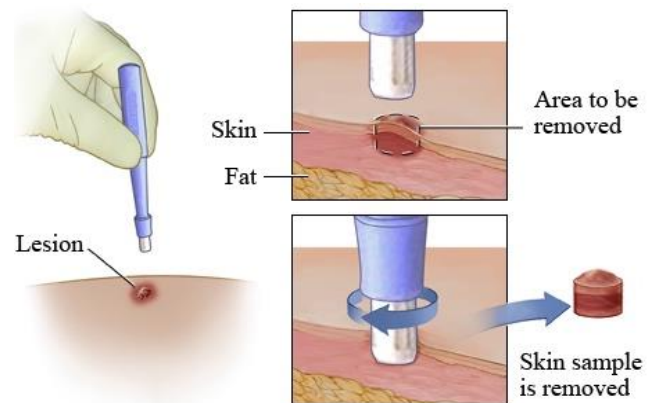
## PUNCH BIOPSY

### WHY IS THIS PROCEDURE PERFORMED?

- A *Punch Biopsy* is typically done to examine suspicious lesions to test for certain skin conditions, including types of cancer.

### WHAT HAPPENS DURING THIS PROCEDURE?

- During this procedure, the physician will numb the area with lidocaine.
- They will then use an instrument called a trephine (A circular hollow scalpel) to remove a sample of 3 layers of the skin for testing.
- The sample is then preserved and sent into the lab for assessment.
- The area is then typically closed with one or two stitches.



### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW BEFORE MY PROCEDURE?

- Some possible complications with this procedure include:
  - Scarring
  - Infection
- The area must be kept completely dry for 24 hours post-procedure.
- Patient can shower after 24 hours.
- No swimming or baths for 7-10 days.
- May take up to one week to receive results.