

Your Skin Biopsy: What happens to it?

Taking The Biopsy

In some circumstances, your Dermatologist may remove a sample of your skin. If so, he/she will send the sample to a laboratory for analysis by a Pathologist. A Pathologist is a physician who specializes in the diagnosis of disease by microscopic analysis of tissue obtained from surgery or biopsy.

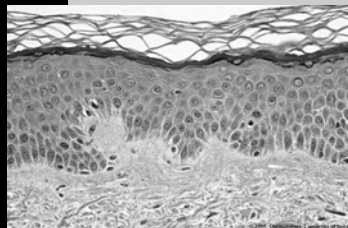
The results of the tissue analysis and any additional studies are available to your Dermatologists, to other physicians involved in your care, and to you. The microscopic slides and diagnostic reports are stored in the laboratory should you or your physician request additional reports, review, consultation, or second opinion.

Surgical Excisions

If you have a condition that requires a surgical excision, your Dermatologist or Surgeon will submit the tissue for pathological analysis. The Pathologist will confirm the biopsy or clinical diagnosis and evaluate the surgical margins to make sure the lesion has been completely removed.

Fees

The comprehensive pathology consultation service includes sample transportation, gross examination, slide preparation, review of the slides, and reporting of results to your doctor. Your doctor uses the information to treat or manage your condition. A fee is charged for these professional and technical services.



PSA, LLC handles the billing for Charlottesville Pathology Associates. There is a toll free line dedicated to answering your questions. 1-877-268-0376

The Laboratory

The Martha Jefferson Hospital Laboratory offers diagnostic services to Dermatologists and other physicians treating skin disease. This service is under the supervision of David M. Rowe, M.D., a board certified Pathologist who has special qualification in Dermatopathology (skin pathology) as certified by both the American Board of Pathology and the American Board of Dermatology. Dr. Rowe practices with Charlottesville Pathology Associates, a team of four Board certified anatomic and clinical Pathologists, who are committed to providing the highest quality of diagnostic services for clinical doctors and their patients.



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