

Minor Salivary Gland Biopsy

Lip Biopsy for Sjogren's Syndrome

What to Expect

- Temporary swelling of the lower lip.
- Incision pain for a few days. It is usually controlled with over-the-counter pain medication.
- Temporary numbness of the lower lip may occur.
- The wound is closed with dissolvable sutures. It is fine if the sutures come out early; the wound may just take a few days longer to fully heal.
- The biopsy results are reviewed at your follow-up visit.

What to Do

- Eat soft foods for the first few days, then advance to a regular diet.
- Take over-the-counter pain medication as needed, per the instructions on the bottle.
- You may return to work or school and resume normal activities immediately.

What Not to Do

- Avoid manipulating the sutures with your tongue. This can cause them to come out early.

When to Call or See the Doctor

- Persistent fever over 101° F
- Persistent bleeding from the biopsy site.
- Worsening pain or swelling of the lip.

Questions or concerns? Call the office that scheduled your surgery. After hours, call our main number, 512-339-4040, to reach the on-call physician. For a life-threatening emergency, call 911.

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