

## **Biopsy of periocular region or eyelids**

### **Indication for biopsy**

Dr Then has advised you that you have a lesion on your eyelids or periocular region that requires a biopsy. This biopsy will determine the exact nature of the lesion with histopathological analysis. It will also remove part or all of the lesion, depending on the extent of the biopsy.

### **Biopsy procedure**

The biopsy will be performed under local anaesthesia, with a needle injection into the skin around the lesion. Once fully numbed, Dr Then will remove part or all of the lesion with a variety of surgical instruments, including a coring punch, scissors and forceps. Any bleeding from the biopsy area will be controlled with heat cautery. An antibiotic ointment will then be applied to the biopsy area, and a dressing may be applied. Dr Then will supply instruction on how long to leave the dressing on for. A prescription for the antibiotic ointment will be supplied, and this ointment will need to be applied 4 times per day for 4 days following the biopsy.

The biopsy specimen removed will be placed in a bottle filled with a preservative fluid and sent to the Pathology laboratory for further analysis.

### **Risks of the biopsy**

Adverse effects from this biopsy are very rare, but may include the following:

- Infection
- Bleeding
- Scarring
- Loss of eyelashes

### **Patient acceptance of risk**

It is impossible for Dr Then to inform of every possible complication that may occur. Results cannot be guaranteed and more treatment/surgery may be necessary.

We confirm you will sign a consent form with Dr Then to proceed with this procedure. Dr Then will answer any questions to your satisfaction and costs of having the incision and curettage performed will be explained.

If you have any additional queries, please do not hesitate to call 9535 4321.