

## Lip Biopsy

### *How to take care of the site*

Your child just had skin cut out from the inside of his lip. This is called a biopsy. Your child may have been given anesthesia to numb the lip before the biopsy.

### What can I expect after a biopsy?

- The lip will be swollen and numb from the anesthesia shot.
- Your child will have stitches on the inside lower lip. These will dissolve on their own in two to three days.
- Drainage is likely to appear near the stitches for a few hours after the biopsy. It may contain a tiny amount of blood. This is normal. Call the SCCA Clinic at (206) 288-7600 if the amount of drainage concerns you.

### When should I call the clinic?

There may be some discomfort once the numbing anesthesia wears off. Call the SCCA Clinic (206) 288-7600 if your child complains of pain after the biopsy.

### What can my child eat?

- Give your child cool or cold food items, such as Popsicles and cool drinks. These help decrease swelling and ease pain.
- Do not feed your child any spicy foods or foods with sharp or hard edges (such as Doritos) until the stitches have dissolved.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Hematology - Oncology, (206) 987-2106
- Your Child's Health Care Provider

*Children's will make this information available in alternate formats upon request. Please call Marketing Communications at (206) 987-5205.*

*This handout has been reviewed by clinical staff at Children's Hospital. However, your child's needs are unique. Before you act or rely upon this information, please talk with your child's health care provider.*

