



THE WOODLANDS
DERMATOLOGY
ASSOCIATES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SKIN BIOPSIES

PROCEDURE FEE: This is the cost of having the actual biopsy procedure performed by your dermatologist in the office. This fee is paid at the time of service if you have an unmet deductible. The procedure fee can range from \$130-\$200 per site, and varies based on the complexity of the procedure as well as your specific insurance plan.

DERMATOPATHOLOGY FEE: This is the cost of having the tissue expertly processed and then interpreted by a Board-Certified Physician with additional training specifically in Dermatopathology. Straightforward interpretations cost \$90 per biopsy. More complicated evaluations requiring special stains and consultations can cost up to \$300 per lesion. You will receive a separate bill for dermatopathology services from either The Woodlands Dermatology Associates (Dr. H. Sam Jeong) or ProPath (Dr. Greg Hosler), depending on where your tissue is processed.

SPECIAL STAINS FEE: Complex tissue specimens often need to have 'special stains' or additional processing done in order to make a diagnosis and these additional stains will cost more. If you have not met your deductible, then those fees will pass to you. This is not something that your dermatologist can predict or anticipate, but rather it is a decision made at the time of interpretation based on the complexity of your tissue. If special stains are deemed necessary, you would receive separate bills from ProPath (who processes those stains) and The Woodlands Dermatology Associates (who interprets those stains).