

Instructions:

1. Identify the lesion or area of skin to be biopsied.
2. Remove the **ElliptiPunch** from the sterile packaging.
3. If an exam light is in use direct the light towards the area to be biopsied.
4. Extend the blade by pushing the handle downward. This action exposes the blade so that the **ElliptiPunch** can easily be positioned over the lesion.
5. Position the **ElliptiPunch** blade at the desired location so that the necessary margins around the lesion are obtained.
6. **Push the barrel of the ElliptiPunch down to contact the skin and hold the ElliptiPunch perpendicular to the skin surface.** This is important, the "teeth" on the barrel in contact with the skin grip the surface and increase the tension, and thereby prevent the blade from sliding across the skin.
7. Begin the incision by firmly holding the barrel in contact with the skin and rotating the blade with a clockwise and counterclockwise motion. The motion is limited by **ElliptiPunch** to approximately 45 degrees of rotation in each direction.
8. Complete the incision by making the necessary number of clockwise and counterclockwise movements of the handle, while continuing to apply a downward pressure on the handle.
9. The physician is cautioned to make the incision only deep enough to penetrate the dermis. Making the incision too deep may harm the underlying tissue, blood vessels, nerves or organs.
10. Once the desired depth is attained, remove the **ElliptiPunch**, extend the barrel over the blade and discard in the proper disposal container.
11. Complete the excision of the lesion and closure of the wound in the usual manner.



Note: It is expected that the physician using the **ElliptiPunch** is familiar with the necessary procedural safeties.