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What is a lipoma?

A lipoma is a benign, fatty tumor located just below the skin. Lipomas are most usually soft and moveable.

How will my lipoma be excised?

Most often, local anesthetic is injected around the lipoma and an area the shape of an ellipse (similar to a football) is removed, as this makes it easier to close with sutures. The entire lipoma is removed.

The area is closed with sutures and dressings are applied. Sometimes the sutures will dissolve, other times the sutures will have to be removed 7-14 days later.

