

Care After Biopsy

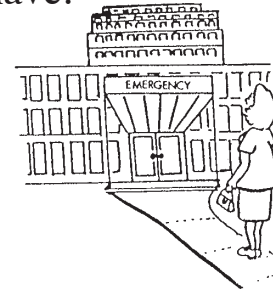


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- You had a biopsy of your _____ today. You have a small bandage over the place where the needle was put in (the needle insertion site).
- For 12 - 24 hours after your biopsy you should stay in bed except for getting up to go to the bathroom.

Go to the Emergency Room right away if you have:

- Shortness of breath or **trouble breathing**.
- **Pain** or cramping in your abdomen (belly).
- **Nausea** (feeling sick to your stomach) or **vomiting**.
- **Bleeding** (bright red blood) that does not stop, from the place where the needle was put in. Till you are checked in the Emergency Room have someone press on the place that is bleeding.
- **Pus draining** from the place where the needle was put in.
- Any unusual **pain that will not stop**. Remember, the place where the needle was put in will likely be sore for a few days after the biopsy. Some bruising is normal.
- **Swelling or redness** at the place where the needle was put in, **or** if the place is very sore or hot to touch.
- **Fever** more than 101° Fahrenheit (38.3° Centigrade) for 2 or more days.



If you go to the Emergency Room, tell the nurse that you had a biopsy.
Take this paper with you to show the nurse.

How will I find out the results of my test?

If you are in the hospital, the health care provider who ordered your test will tell you about your test results when they are ready. If you are a clinic patient your health care provider will tell you about your results at your next clinic appointment. Be sure to keep this important appointment. If you do not have a follow-up clinic appointment, call and schedule one with your health care provider.

