

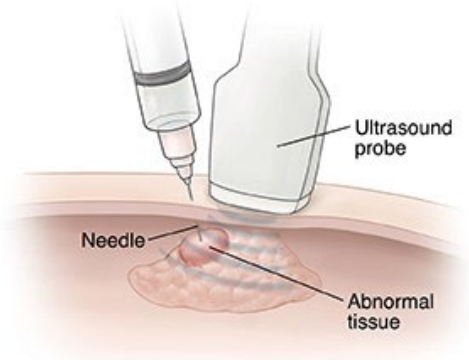
Biopsy

My procedure was a biopsy of (check one):

- ☐ Bone _____ ☐ Soft Tissue ☐ Lung ☐ Mediastinum

What is a biopsy?

A biopsy is when doctors take a small sample of cells to look at under a microscope. A special doctor called an Interventional Radiologist, uses machines (X-rays, ultrasound, or CT scan) to guide a special needle to the right spot to collect cells.



Things to Note After the Procedure:

- **Pain:** You might feel some pain or discomfort after the procedure. There may also be a bruise where the needle went in. You can take pain medicine that you can buy at the store as long as they are approved by your primary team. If you're in the hospital, ask your doctor for pain medicine.
- **Activity:** Go home and rest for the rest of the day. Don't do any intense physical activity for 24 hours.
- **Hygiene:** You can take a shower the day after the procedure. Do not swim or take a bath for two (2) days after your procedure.
- **Going Back to School or Work:** You can go back to school or work the next day.
- **Follow-up:** Call your primary doctor to set up an appointment to talk about the results.

Taking care of the dressing:

- You can take a shower with the waterproof dressing on. Take off the dressing in 24 hours and keep the area clean and dry.

Return to the Emergency Department (ED) if:

- Your pain gets worse and the pain medicine you buy at the store doesn't help.
- The area gets more red, swollen, or starts to leak fluid or blood.
- You start shaking with chills or have a fever higher than 101°F (38.5°C).
- You have a hard time breathing.

Interventional Radiology Contact Information:

- **For non-emergent questions:**
Please call (323) 361- 2436 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **For emergencies:**
Please go to the closest emergency room.

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