

Liver Biopsy

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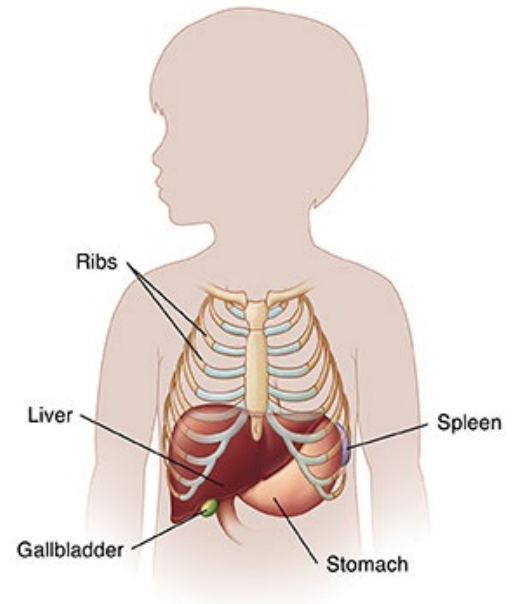
- ☐ Percutaneous/Transhepatic ☐ Transjugular

What is a liver biopsy?

A liver biopsy is a procedure where a special doctor called an Interventional Radiologist takes a small piece of liver tissue to look at under a microscope. This helps them check for liver diseases.

There are two types of liver biopsies:

- ☐ **Percutaneous/Transhepatic Liver Biopsy:** A doctor uses an ultrasound machine to guide a special needle through the skin of the belly into the liver to take the tissue sample.
- ☐ **Transjugular Liver Biopsy:** A doctor puts a thin tube (catheter) into a vein in the neck and uses a needle to get liver cells through the tube.



Things to Note After the Test:

- **Pain:** You may have some discomfort after the procedure. You can take over-the-counter pain medicine approved by your primary doctor. If you are in the hospital, ask your doctor for pain medicine.
- **Activity:** Don't do any intense physical activity or contact sports where you might get hit for one (1) week.
- **Hygiene:** Do not swim or go under water 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 test results.

Dressing Care:

- You can take a shower with the waterproof dressing on.
- You can take the dressing off after 24 hours.

Return to the Emergency Department (ED) if:

- Your pain gets worse even after taking over-the-counter pain medicine.
- The area gets more red, swollen, or starts to leak fluid (pus or blood).
- You start shaking with chills or have a fever higher than 101 F (38.5 C).
- You have a hard time breathing.

Contact Information for Interventional Radiology:

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

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