

Fibrin sealant as a plug for the post liver biopsy needle track.

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Abstract:

Some patients are at particular risk of haemorrhage after liver biopsy. We describe the use of a two-component fibrin sealant (Tisseel, Immuno) for embolising the track left after biopsy with the 18 gauge 'Biopty' needle. In our series of five cases there have been no bleeding complications. We consider Tisseel much easier to apply than previously described embolisation materials.