



Biopsy

Radiology Department

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Patient Information Leaflet



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- When you get home please rest and do not do anything strenuous for 24 hours. After this you can resume normal activity if you feel up to it. You may eat and drink normally.
- You may experience some discomfort following the procedure at the site where the biopsy has been taken as the anaesthetic wears off, if so you may take over the counter pain relief such as Paracetamol.
- If you have been sent home with a plaster over the site where the biopsy was taken you may remove it 24 hours after the procedure. You may bathe and shower as normal.
- If you experience significant bleeding at the biopsy site please apply firm pressure and contact the Radiology Department on 01793 605056 Monday-Friday 8.30-17.00 excluding bank holidays or go straight to the emergency department out of hours.
- There is a small risk of infection following your biopsy, if the site becomes red and inflamed, or you develop signs of a fever (high temperature / chills / shaky) please contact your GP and explain that you've had a biopsy.
- It is normal that a small bruise might develop following the procedure, however, if widespread bruising develops please contact your GP.
- **If you become short of breath, your heart starts racing or you experience sharp chest/shoulder pain on breathing you must get urgent help by presenting at the emergency department or by dialling 999.**

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the radiology nurses on **01793 605056/605060** or phone the main switchboard on **01793 604020** and ask the operator to **bleep 2161** (08:30-17:00 Monday- Friday excluding bank holidays).

From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

This information sheet is available to order in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email gwh.pals@nhs.net

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