

General Biopsy

What is a General Biopsy?

A biopsy is a procedure to remove a small sample of tissue to send to a laboratory for testing.

To Prepare

- If you are taking blood thinners, talk to your doctor about possibly holding these medications before the test. Please take any other medications as scheduled, unless you have been informed otherwise by your doctor.

What to Expect

- Once you have registered, you will be directed to the radiology department.
- You will be asked to change into a hospital gown for the procedure.
- The radiologist will talk to you before the procedure and answer any questions you may have.
- A scan will be done to look at the affected area.
- The skin will be cleaned with a cleaning solution and covered with a sterile drape.
- The radiologist will inject the site with numbing medicine, this may cause a temporary stinging sensation.
- Once the site is numb, the radiologist will use a biopsy device to remove cells and tissue.
- A band-aid will be placed over the needle site.
- The cell and tissue samples will be sent to the lab.

After the Procedure

- You may take acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain as directed by your physician.
- An ice pack over the area can help with soreness and swelling.
- Test results will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share these results with you.
- You will receive more detailed post care instructions at the time of discharge.

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask the radiology department staff or contact your doctor.

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