

Lung Biopsy

What is a Lung Biopsy?

A lung biopsy is a procedure to obtain a sample of lung tissue. The lung tissue is sent to the lab for testing.

To Prepare

- Do not eat or drink anything for 8 hours before the test.
- If you are taking blood thinners, please hold as instructed. If you have any question about this please call 419-563-9342
- Please take any other medications as scheduled, unless you have been informed otherwise by your doctor
- If you do take morning medications, take them only with a sip of water.

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.
- The radiologist will talk to you before the procedure and answer any questions you may have.
- An IV will be started to administer sedation medications.
- You will be assisted to the CT scanner and a scan will be completed to look at the area of interest.
- 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 insert a biopsy needle into the area of interest.
- Some cells and tissue will be removed through the needle.
- You may have to hold your breath for short periods of time while the needle is placed and samples are taken.
- The needle will then be removed and band-aid will be placed over the needle site.
- The cell and tissue samples will be sent to the lab.

After the Procedure

- You will be taken to a recovery room and monitored for 3 hours after the procedure.
- Chest x-rays will be taken at 1 hour and 3 hours post- procedure.
- The radiologist will inform your nurse when it is OK to discharge you. Rarely, people may need to stay in the hospital overnight for further monitoring.
- You may take acetaminophen (Tylenol) for pain, as directed by your physician.
- An ice pack over the area may help decrease soreness.
- You will receive further instructions at the time of discharge.
- Test results will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share these results with you.

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

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