

Thyroid Biopsy

What is a Thyroid Biopsy?

A thyroid biopsy is a test that takes a small sample of cells from the thyroid gland (in the neck) for laboratory testing.

To Prepare

- Please take your regular 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.
- An ultrasound scan will be done 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 doctor will use a biopsy device to remove some cells and tissue.
- When a satisfactory sample is collected, a band-aid will be placed over the needle site.
- The cell and tissue samples will be sent to the lab to be examined.

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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