Patient’s instructions

CT GUIDED NEEDLE BIOPY

A CT (computed tomography) scan is a special x-ray that images the body from different angles. A computer then processes the information to show cross-sectional images of body organs and tissues.

A CT Guided Needle Biopsy allows precise visualization of an area for which a biopsy is needed. A small sample of tissue will be collected and tested by the lab. This information allows your physician to determine appropriate treatment options.

What do I need to know to prepare for the test?

- Be sure to let your physician know if you are taking any kind of blood thinners. You may be asked to stop these and have blood drawn prior to your test.
- Specific instructions regarding eating, drinking, and taking medication prior to the test will be provided for you.
- Arrive at the Outpatient Department 30 minutes before your scheduled time to ensure proper registration. If you pre-registered arrive 15 minutes before your appointment.
- The area for biopsy will be cleansed, draped, and numbed where the needle will enter. The area may stay numb for a couple of hours, depending on the medication used.

After the test

- Minimal discomfort may be felt after the numbing medicine has stopped working.
- Call your physician if you have any of the following: excessive fever, bleeding, swelling, drainage, pain, redness, or heat around the biopsy site.
- Your results of the biopsy will be available at your next scheduled follow-up with your physician.