

Image-Guided Lung Biopsy

Discharge Information

SEDATION

- The majority of patients have local anesthesia to the area of biopsy.
- The sedation you received for your procedure is still in your system. Therefore, we would like you to take it easy the rest of the day. Do not drive and avoid alcohol.

COMMON SYMPTOMS

- Many patients have pain radiating to the shoulder on the side of the biopsy for several hours following the procedure.
- Blood streaked sputum is common.

ACTIVITY

- You may resume your regular activities, including driving in 24 hours.
- No exercising, lifting heavy objects or strenuous activity for the next 24 hours.
- You may shower the following day.

PAIN MANAGEMENT

- You may use over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol or Advil for minor discomfort.
- If you are currently taking prescription pain medications, you may resume them as prescribed.

CARE OF YOUR BIOPSY SITE

- You will have a small bandage over the biopsy site. The bandage may be removed in 24 hours.
- Keep area clean and dry.

WHEN TO CALL YOUR PHYSICIAN

- Fever and chills
- New shortness of breath
- Severe pain
- Bleeding, redness, drainage or swelling at or around the biopsy site

Phone the ordering physician in 3-5 days for biopsy results

If you experience any of these problems, please call your doctor or the Interventional Radiology Department at 503-413-7127 and ask them to page the Interventional Radiologist on-call. The Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital Emergency Room is also available 24 hours a day at 503-413-7260.