

CT Biopsies/Drainages

PREP: Nothing by mouth for 6 hours prior to the exam (due to receiving pain medicines during your procedure). The Imaging nurse will give you medication to relax you and make you more comfortable during the exam.

Before the Test: For your safety, you will be asked a number of questions by the technologist or nurse. He/She is collecting information for the radiologist. Some of the things you may be asked are:

- *Your name and Birthdate.
- *What kind of symptoms have you been having?
- *Any previous surgeries?
- *Your last period and if there is a chance you may be pregnant.
- *Med list.
- *Do you have a driver to take you home after the procedure?

The Test: You may be asked to remove some of your clothing, or to change into a gown for the test. The table will move in and out of the scanner several times. The radiologist will use the images from the scanner to place a needle into the lesion (biopsy) or area to be drained. Samples may then be sent to lab/pathology to be examined. A drainage tube may be left in after the exam if necessary. You will return to day surgery for a short time of observation by the nursing staff.

Results: The radiologist will study your CT scan in great detail and will dictate a report which will be transcribed and sent to your doctor within 48 hours unless other arrangements have been made.

Every effort will be made to make you as comfortable as possible during your examination. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to the imaging nurse at 364-1438.