

When You Are Told You Need a Biopsy

Biopsy

(BY-op-see)

The removal of cells or tissues for examination by a pathologist.



- How long will the biopsy take?
 - Are there risks to performing this biopsy?
 - Will I have stitches and if so, will I need to return to remove the stitches?
 - Will the biopsy remove the lesion in its entirety?
 - Should I have someone drive me to the biopsy appointment?
 - Will I be left with a scar?
 - What type of activity limitations will I have? For how long?
 - How long will it take to receive my results?
 - How should I care for the biopsy site after the procedure?
 - Will the procedure be covered by insurance and what, if any, out-of-pocket expenses will there be?
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