Discharge Instructions: Biopsy with Sedation

What to Expect

- Slight pain/soreness at the biopsy site
- Slight bloody drainage at the biopsy site
- Low-grade fever of 99°-100°F (32.7°- 37.7°C)

You Can...

- restart all your medications (except blood thinners)
- take acetaminophen (Tylenol®) or other prescribed pain medications
- remove band aid/dressing in 24 hours
- shower after you’ve removed the band aid/dressing

Restrictions

Do not...

- drive or drink alcohol for 24 hours
- strain, perform strenuous activity, or lift anything heavier than 10 pounds for 24 hours
- take blood thinners for 24 hours (this includes aspirin and ibuprofen/Advil®)

Call Us If ...

- you have any signs of infection at the site after the first few days such as redness, pain (not relieved by pain medications) or pus
- you have a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher with chills that lasts longer than 24 hours
- you have excessive bleeding at the biopsy site

- If you had a liver biopsy: Call if you have severe abdominal (belly) pain with lightheadedness.
- If you have a lung biopsy: Call 911 or have someone drive you to the nearest emergency room if you experience sudden chest pain or shortness of breath.

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If you feel you are in a life-threatening situation (chest pain, difficulty breathing, heavy bleeding), call 911 or go to the nearest hospital emergency department.