

Advice after a CT scan guided lung biopsy (page 1 of 2)



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You have had a CT Guided Lung Biopsy.

It was carried out by:

It was requested by:

You will be taken to the recovery area within Radiology/Endoscopy, Level 3, and telephone: 01722 336262 extension 2857.

A chest x-ray will be taken about 2 hours after the test to check for an air leak (called a pneumothorax). Even if a leak does occur, they are often minor and will be absorbed on their own without any treatment.

If there is a large leak, it maybe necessary to remove the air from the lung, either through a needle or through a tube. This may mean having to stay in hospital overnight.

When will I be allowed home?

You can usually go home after the test and the check x-ray however, you must have someone to collect you from the hospital and you will need someone to stay with you at home overnight until the following day.

You will be told if you need to come into hospital for another chest x-ray.

Are there any restrictions on what I normally do?

You should not fly in an aeroplane for 6 weeks after the test. If you need to fly before this please discuss it with your hospital doctor..

When can I go back to work?

You should be able to go back to work the day after the test, unless you have been told otherwise.

Is there anything I should look out for?

If any of the following problems occur, please contact your GP or the Emergency Department immediately.

- Coughing up large amounts of blood (it is quite normal to cough up a little blood after the procedure)
- Suddenly becoming short of breath or having severe chest pain

CT Scan Department
01722 336262 ext 4877 (8am - 8pm Monday to Friday)
or ext 4282 (answerphone) outside office hours

When will I get my results?

The tissue samples will be sent to the Pathology Laboratory for analysis and the results will be sent to the Doctor that asked you to have this examination.

If a Doctor from the hospital sent you for this examination then you will be sent an appointment to come and get the results.

Where can I get further information?

If you have any further questions, please do ask or phone:

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