

**Pre-Biopsy: DO NOT take the following at least 5 days before the biopsy:**

-Advil	-Arthotech	-Coumadin	-Lovenox	-Pletal
-Aggrenox	-Asprin	-Effient	-Mobic	-Pradaxa
-Agrimol	-Bextra	-Eliquis	-Naproxyn	-Xarelto
-Aleve	-Celebrex	-Ibuprofen	-Plavix	

If you do not see your medication on this list and believe it to be a blood thinner, anti-inflammatory, or arthritis medication please contact us or your pharmacist for confirmation. If your medication is NOT listed above you may take it the morning of your procedure or bring it with you.

\*If you have stopped taking Coumadin per our instructions, have the lab test drawn *early morning* the day before your procedure.

If you are not on Coumadin you should have your labs done a week to three days prior to your scheduled procedure. You must obtain a prescription for this lab work from your referring physician.

**The day of the procedure:**

- Do not eat or drink anything after 7AM.
- Report to the Ambulatory Surgery Department (2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the main hospital) by 8 AM.
- The procedure will be performed between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM in the CT Department.
- The procedure takes approximately one hour.
- After the procedure you will return to your room for 4-6 hours of observation.
- Bring your daily medications in the original containers to be taken upon completion of the procedure if needed.
- **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DRIVE YOURSELF HOME AFTER THE PROCEDURE.**

Typically CT guided procedures are less risky than general surgery, however potential risks are possible including bleeding, infection, lung collapse and pancreatitis.

The radiologist will numb the area where the procedure is to be performed with a local anesthetic. You may feel some pressure during the procedure.

**Post Procedure:**

- You will be on bed rest while you are at the hospital.
- Take it easy for 2 days after the procedure.
- No lifting over 10 pounds for one week.
- The site may be tender and can be relieved with a non aspirin product such as Tylenol.