Bronchoscopy
Care After Procedure

Refer to this sheet in the next few weeks. These discharge instructions provide you with general information on caring for yourself after you leave the hospital. Your caregiver may also give you specific instructions. Your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, but unavoidable complications sometimes occur. If you have any problems or questions after discharge, please call your caregiver.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- You may resume normal activities.
- Call your caregiver or return for an appointment in 3 days if biopsies were taken.
- **Do not** eat or drink anything until cough and gag reflexes have returned. There is danger of burning yourself or getting food or water into your lungs when your mouth and airways are numb. After the numbness is gone, you may begin taking a normal diet.

FINDING OUT THE RESULTS OF YOUR TEST

Not all test results are available during your visit. If your test results are not back during the visit, make an appointment with your caregiver to find out the results. Do not assume everything is normal if you have not heard from your caregiver or the medical facility. It is important for you to follow up on all of your test results.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- You become lightheaded.
- You get short of breath.
- You become faint.
- You develop chest pain.
- You cough up blood.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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