Bone Biopsy, Needle
Care After Surgery

Read the instructions outlined below and 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. While your treatment has been planned according to the most current medical practices available, unavoidable complications sometimes occur. If you have any problems or questions after discharge, call your caregiver.

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 MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling, or increasing pain at the site of the biopsy.
- There is pus coming from the biopsy site.
- There is drainage from the biopsy site lasting longer than one day.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C) develops.
- You notice a foul smell coming from the biopsy site or dressing.
- You develop persistent nausea or vomiting.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION IF:

- You develop a rash.
- You have difficulty breathing
- You develop any reaction or side effects to medications given.

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