# Biopsy Procedure
## Care After Surgery

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 diet and activities as directed.
- Change bandages (*dressings*) as directed.
- Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort, or fever as directed by 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 increased bleeding (more than a small spot) from the biopsy site(s).
- You notice redness, swelling, or increasing pain in the wound.
- Pus is coming from the wound.
- You or your child has an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C).
- Your baby is older than 3 months with a rectal temperature of 100.5º F (38.1° C) or higher for more than 1 day.
- You notice a bad smell coming from the wound or dressing.

### SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:
- You develop a rash.
- You have difficulty breathing.
- You develop any reaction or side effects to medicines taken.

### 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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