


EXAM: CT BIOPSY OR DRAINAGE Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187	
INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for the examination, please contact your ordering physician. This procedure is to remove tissue / fluid for laboratory evaluation.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Table weight limit is 650lbs. Please let your physician and imaging staff know if you have any allergies, especially to iodine, bee stings, contrast or any local anesthetics such as lidocaine or betadine.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE DO I GO?	This test will vary depending on the patient. Please allow 1 hour prior to the exam for pre-testing and paperwork. You will be pre-registered and you will need to have blood work prior to the CT exam. You should check in at the registration department. Registration is the first office on the right past the main lobby where the waterfall is. After registration is completed you will be directed to imaging department nurse to draw labs.
PREPARATION:	Patient should wear something comfortable with no metal zippers, buttons or clips. If the patient has had x-rays of the area at another facility please have them bring those with them to the exam. <i>Nothing to eat or drink after midnight for possible sedation.</i> Patient should avoid taking anti-inflammatory medication 24-48 hours prior to procedure (ex: Advil, Motrin, ibuprofen, Aleve, naproxyn, etc), aspirin, plavix, coumadin, or any other blood thinners should be stopped prior to exam. Please be sure to discuss discontinuation or prescribed medications with your physician, they will tell you how many days prior to the procedure to discontinue you medications. Do not discontinue without consultation with your physician first. A driver will be needed to take the patient home.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Since you will be at the hospital for an extended period of time be sure to bring your days medications with you to take after procedure. Also bring a list of current medications.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	Patient will need to be in the Imaging department for several hours. During the exam an area will be prepared in a surgical manner by being cleaned and numbed. During the exam the radiologist will be placing a needle in to the area of interest. This will be done either to drain fluid or to take a tissue sample. These will probably be sent for laboratory evaluation. There is a good chance that you will be asked to stay for observation after the procedure (2-4 hrs which varies per patient). If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.