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# CT guided abdominal biopsy aftercare

## Introduction

This leaflet gives you information about aftercare following your CT abdominal biopsy.

## What to expect after your biopsy

You can eat and drink normally after your CT biopsy. We recommend that you drink plenty of fluids for the following 2 to 3 days. The results of the CT scan will be sent to the doctor who requested the test. The doctor will contact you to arrange a follow-up appointment.

## Possible risks

What to look for	Possible complication	Frequency	Actions to take
<b>Pain</b>	Pain and bruising	Common	Take simple pain relief such as paracetamol to relieve any pain.
<b>Swelling and pain around the site of the biopsy</b>	Haematoma	Rare	Apply a cold compress such as an ice pack wrapped in a tea towel. Take simple pain relief such as paracetamol to relieve any pain. If the swelling or pain does not improve over the next few days telephone the Radiology Nurses.

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<b>Swelling over the biopsy site with redness, fever or chills</b>	Infection of the biopsy site or deeper	Rare	During working hours, telephone the Radiology Nurses for advice. Out of hours call NHS 111. <b>Do not ignore this symptom</b>

If you experience any other symptoms you should contact your GP for advice.

## Contact information

If you have any problems or questions, please contact the Radiology Nurses.

### Radiology Nurses

Tel: 0300 422 6245

Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 6:00pm

Alternately you can you contact your GP or NHS 111 for advice.

### NHS 111

Tel: 111

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