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CT guided lung biopsy aftercare

Introduction

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

What to expect after your biopsy

You can eat and drink normally after your CT scan. 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.

If you experience any of the following it is important that you contact the Radiology Nurses, 111 or A&E department:

Possible risks

What to look for	Possible complications	Frequency	Actions to take
Bruising		Common	Simple pain relief
Swelling and pain around the site of the biopsy	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.
Breathlessness or severe chest pain	Pneumothorax (leakage of air around lung)	Infrequent	Attend the nearest Emergency Department straight away
Swelling over the biopsy site with redness, fever or chills	Infection of the biopsy site	Rare	During working hours, telephone the Radiology Nurses for advice. Out of hours call NHS 111. Do not ignore this symptom
Coughing up a small amount of blood	Blood in your spittle or mucous	Uncommon	This should settle over 2 to 3 days.

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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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