

Contact details

If you have any questions post-biopsy please contact the
Interventional Nurses' Office between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Interventional Nurses' Office **☎ 01438 284815**

If we do not answer, please leave a short message and we will return
your call.

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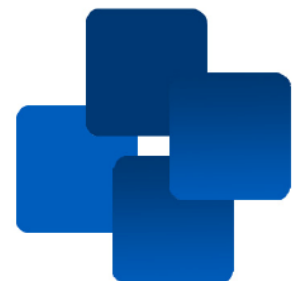
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Patient Information

Post Lung Biopsy CT Scanning

Department of Radiology



Introduction

The purpose of this leaflet is to give you guidance following your lung biopsy.

It is important to note that most patients do not have any complications.

Patient Label	
Surname:	
First name(s):	
Date of birth:	
Hospital No:	
NHS No:	

Procedure and site: _____

Date and time procedure performed: _____

After the procedure

As mentioned previously, you will need someone to accompany you home after the procedure as you will **not** be able to drive due to the medication you have been given. It is also essential that someone stays at home with you overnight in case of any emergency - please see the next page.

Common complications in the first 24 hours

- Mild chest discomfort - you can take regular pain relief for this, such as paracetamol, if required for at least 24 hours or for as long as you may need this.
- Coughing small amounts of blood - This should just be a small amount on a handkerchief/tissue, which becomes less over the 24 hours.

Uncommon complications

- Delayed air leak - usually air leaks (air in the lining of the lung) develop in the first hour after the procedure whilst you are in hospital but very rarely an air leak can develop hours after the biopsy.
If you suddenly become short of breath or experience severe chest pain, you should come to the Emergency Department at the Lister Hospital **immediately** by phoning for an ambulance.
- Chest infection can occur usually 2-3 days after the biopsy. If you are suffering from a high temperature and have a chesty cough, please see your GP immediately.

For the reasons stated above, it is essential that someone stays at home with you overnight.

Please bring this leaflet with you if you need to attend the Emergency Department.