

Biopsy

Preparation

There is no specific preparation for a biopsy.

The following is recommended:

- Patients should wear loose comfortable clothes (no zippers, buttons, jewellery or metallic accessories)
- Patients should arrive 10-15 minutes early to complete paperwork
- Patients must bring their request/referral form on the day (or check that their request/referral is at the practice)
- Notify Lakes Radiology team of any allergies, existing medications and if there is a chance you could be pregnant

Procedure

- Patients will be asked to change into a gown
- A pre-biopsy image will be taken
- The entry site will be marked on the skin and the area sterilised
- Local anaesthetic will be administered to numb the area
- A technician / radiologist will place the needle into the investigation area and a tissue sample (or samples) taken
- Needle is removed and pressure applied to the entry site to stop bleeding
- A bandage is placed over the entry site
- You may be required to stay after the procedure for observation
- Pathology results take up to a week to be sent to your referring doctor
- Patients are advised to contact their referring doctor for the results

Risks or Side Effects

- Following the procedure, you may feel discomfort at the site of the biopsy. If this occurs, Paracetamol should control the discomfort.
- If you have any concerns regarding the biopsy site, please contact your local doctor for assessment