Image-Guided Needle Biopsy

Your child has received a needle biopsy. Read this handout to learn how to care for your child after the procedure.

Liver ( ) Kidney ( )

Other: ______________________

HOW WILL SEDATION AFFECT MY CHILD?

The sedation your child received for the procedure is still in his/her system. Therefore, your child should take it easy for the rest of the day.

( ) Refer to Pediatric Sedation Form

WHEN CAN MY CHILD PLAY AND GO BACK TO SCHOOL?

Your child may engage in light activity/play today. Your child may also return to school the following day but cannot lift anything over 5 to 10 pounds unless your doctor says differently.

WHAT MEDICINES CAN I GIVE MY CHILD FOR PAIN?

You can give your child over the counter medicines, such as Tylenol® (Acetaminophen) or Advil® (Ibuprofen), if he/she feels minor pain. Check with your doctor if you are not sure whether you can give your child these medicines.

HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF THE BANDAGE?

( ) Liver ( ) Pancreas

( ) Kidney ( ) Other

- There may be a small bandage over the site where the needle biopsy happened.
- The bandage may be removed the day after the needle biopsy.
- Keep the site dry and clean.
- No new bandage is needed.

WHEN DO I CALL MY DOCTOR?

Call your doctor if your child has any of these problems:

- Fever and chills
- Severe pain, bleeding, redness and swelling at the site
- Shortness of breath

During evening or weekend hours, a doctor can be reached through the answering service at 617-726-1818. Ask the operator to page the “Non-Vascular Interventional Radiology Fellow.”

Your referring doctor will talk to you about the biopsy results.

If you believe your child’s symptoms need immediate medical evaluation, go to your nearest Emergency Department.

Nurse: ________________________________, RN Date: ________________

These instructions were reviewed with me, and all of my questions were answered.

Parent/Guardian/Patient Signature: ______________________________ Date: ________________