

Imaging test to be performed:

# Liver Biopsy



Patient's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Test date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test time: \_\_\_\_\_

*See other side for test location and registration instructions*

What You Need To Know

### How to prepare for your test:

A nurse will call you for a history and will give additional instructions at that time.

You need to arrive 1 hour prior to your scheduled appointment.

### How long will the test take?

About 2 hours.

Recovery time is about 4 hours.

### What is the purpose of the test?

To help diagnose a number of liver diseases. The biopsy also helps in the assessment of the stage of any liver disease that exists.

### How is the test performed?

You may be given a sedative or pain medication by injection before the test. You will lie on your back with your right hand under your head. It is important to be as still as possible.

Under ultrasound guidance, the health care provider will examine the liver and determine the correct spot for the biopsy needle to be inserted. The skin will be cleansed, and a small needle will be used to inject a local anesthetic to numb the area. A small incision will be made and the biopsy needle inserted. You will then be instructed to hold your breath while the biopsy is taken. This is to reduce the chance of puncturing the lung or tearing the liver.

The needle will be inserted and removed quickly. Pressure will be applied to stop bleeding, and a bandage will be placed over the insertion site.

You will go to Day Surgery to recover after the procedure.

### Required before test:

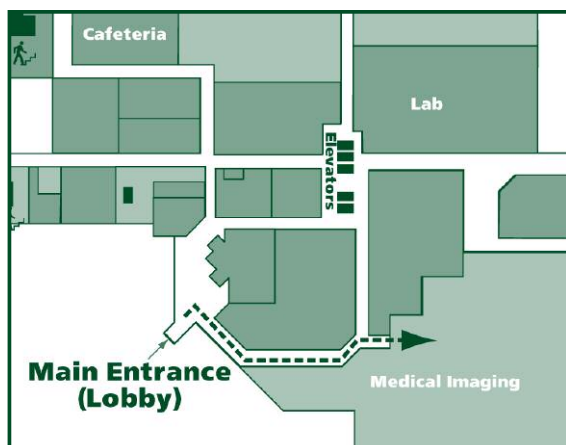
Please provide a signed physician order to perform the exam.

Results will be sent to your ordering physician after a radiologist's review.

## Your test will be conducted at:

### EIRMC (main campus)

Medical Imaging Department  
3100 Channing Way  
Idaho Falls  
**208-227-2600**



## What is ultrasound?

Your doctor has ordered for you a body imaging test known as an ultrasound. Ultrasound is like ordinary sound except it has a frequency (or pitch) higher than human beings can hear. No radiation is involved. When sent into the body via a transducer (small, handheld probe) resting on a patient's skin, the sound is reflected off internal structures. The returning echoes are received by the transducer and converted into pictures of the internal structures on a viewing screen. Diagnostic ultrasound imaging is commonly called sonography or ultrasonography.

## How to register:

Please arrive 1 hour early to register. See the following schedule for guidance on where and when to register. You will need to show a copy of your insurance card and driver's license each time you register.

## Where to register:

Day/Time	EIRMC Location
<i>Mon.- Fri.</i>	
12 - 6:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Medical Imaging Dept.
4:30 - 7 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
7 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Saturday</i>	
12 - 7:30 a.m.	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Main Admissions (front of hospital)
4 p.m. - midnight	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)
<i>Sunday</i>	
All day	Emergency Dept. (as outpatient)