

Radiology department

## What to look for after your biopsy

Following your biopsy, if you experience any of the symptoms below or have any problems or worries, please contact:

- Out of hours: **The Christie Hotline on 0161 446 3658**
- Between 8:45am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)  
The Radiology nurse on **0161 918 2346**
- Or contact your nearest Accident and Emergency department

### \_\_\_ Liver biopsy

- ongoing or severe pain for more than 24 hours around the puncture site or elsewhere
- shortness of breath/difficultly breathing/chest pain
- fever/chills
- redness, swelling, warmth, bleeding or other drainage from biopsy site
- light-headedness, weakness, sweats or palpitations (a feeling that your heart is beating very fast).

### \_\_\_ Kidney biopsy

- blood in your urine (red or brown urine) for more than a week
- passing blood clots
- ongoing or severe pain for more than 24 hours around the puncture site or elsewhere
- faintness/dizziness
- inability to pass urine
- fever/chills.

### \_\_\_ Lung biopsy

- becoming breathless
- severe chest pain  
(**You must go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Department immediately if this happens**)
- coughing up more than a tablespoonful of blood
- light-headedness, weakness, sweats or palpitations (a feeling that your heart is beating very quickly)
- fever.

Following your biopsy you should avoid heavy lifting and any strenuous activity.

A responsible adult must accompany you home and stay with you for at least 24 hours.



## If you have had sedation, in the following 24 hours you must NOT:

- drive a car
- operate machinery
- drink alcohol
- sign any legal documents.

If you need information in a different format, such as easy read, large print, BSL, braille, email, SMS text or other communication support, please tell your ward or clinic nurse.

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For information and advice visit the cancer information centres at Withington, Oldham or Salford. Opening times can vary, please check before making a special journey.



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urgent support and specialist advice  
**The Christie Hotline: 0161 446 3658**  
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week