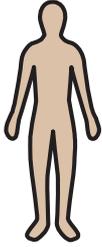


Having a biopsy



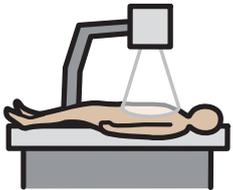
A biopsy is a tiny sample of body tissue. People in our laboratory look at it under a microscope. This helps the doctors work out how to look after you.



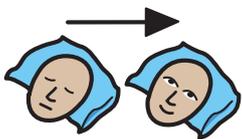
Doctors can take a biopsy from any part of the body. It might be a sample of muscle or skin. It might be a tiny piece of part of inside your body, like the kidney or lung.



The doctor will take the biopsy while you are under general anaesthetic. This means you will not feel anything when they take the biopsy.



The doctor will take an x-ray to check the area where the sample will be taken.



Once the biopsy is finished, you can wake up from the anaesthetic on the ward.

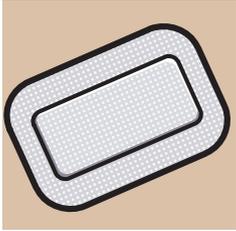


Once you have woken up and had something to eat and drink, you can go home.

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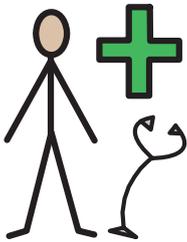
You might feel a bit sore afterwards.
You can take some pain medicine to make it better.



You might have a dressing over the area.
You should keep this clean and dry for two days.



The doctor will send the sample to our laboratory.
Scientists will look at it under a microscope.
They will write a report about what they find.



The doctor will tell you about the results at your next clinic appointment.



Please ask us if you have any questions.