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**EXAM: Ultrasound Guided  
Liver Biopsy**

<b>INDICATIONS:</b>	If questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. This exam is to remove a sample of tissue for laboratory evaluation.
<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:</b>	Please notify your physician and the Imaging staff if you have any allergies, especially to local anesthetics such as lidocaine.
<b>HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?</b>	The exam itself will take between 20-30 minutes. Patient needs to arrive 1 hour prior to the exam for any pre-testing necessary. They may also be asked to stay 1-2 hours after the exam for observation. Most likely you will be preregistered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right.
<b>PREPARATION:</b>	Patient should have nothing to eat or drink 6-8 hours prior to the procedure. Since they will need to stay after the exam, they should bring all required medications with them. If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam.
<b>MEDICATION ISSUES:</b>	Take medication as usual.
<b>WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:</b>	The patient may be taken for blood work prior to the exam. During the exam there will be a gel placed on your skin in order to create an image. For certain areas the ultrasonographer will need to apply more pressure than others. You may be asked to hold your breath for short periods of time. A needle will be placed into the area of interest to obtain a sample of tissue. If you have any questions you may call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. To change your appointment call scheduling at 330-596-7187.