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EXAM: Ultrasound Prostate Biopsy

INDICATIONS:	If you have questions specific to your diagnosis please contact your physician. This exam is to obtain a sample of prostate tissue for albratory evaluation.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS AND PRECAUTIONS:	Please notify your physician and the Imaging staff if you have any allergies, especially to local anesthetics such as lidocaine.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? WHERE SHOULD I GO?	Patient should arrive 1 hour prior to the exam for necessary pre testing. Exam should take between 30-40 minutes. Please remember to allow time for registration and other paperwork. It is possible that the patient may 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.
PREPARATION:	Imaging staff will need to have the results of the most recent PSA testing. Patient should drink 32 ounces of water prior to the exam time. If the patient was given an order (prescription) for the exam they must have that with them at the time of the exam.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	Take medication as usual.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	Patient will probably require 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. It is sometimes necessary to do a rectal ultrasound to obtain better images of the prostate During this portion of the exam a special ultrasound wand covered with plastic is introduced into the anal/rectal canal. If your doctor feels this is necessary he/she may give the patient suppositories to use to cleanse the rectum 2-4 hours prior to the exam. For the biopsy portion, the entry area will be numbed for patient comfort. A needle will then be placed into the prostate to obtain a tissue sample. 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.