



Urologic Consultants

of Southeastern Pennsylvania

DESCRIPTION OF NEEDLE BIOPSY OF PROSTATE

The prostate biopsy entails placing a fine needle into the prostate gland to give us samples of the areas in question. The needle is passed through the wall of the rectum to biopsy the prostate. These biopsies are only mildly uncomfortable in most patients and require no anesthetics. The needle is guided with a finger depending on the nodule's size and position. The exam may take up to 30 minutes. Afterwards you might see blood in the urine, in the semen or in the stool. Unless the bleeding is heavy with clots, it usually is of little significance. The blood in the semen may last for many weeks and is usually a rusty brown color...don't worry. You may have a little burning with urination for a day or two as well. We will not have the biopsy results for two to three days--so be patient. We'll discuss the results with you as soon as we can.

POSSIBLE RISKS OF NEEDLE BIOPSY OF PROSTATE

A small chance of infection exists after this test. Tell us if you develop fever, chills, redness or swelling. If new urinary symptoms of severe burning or frequency or heavy bleeding occur afterwards please let us know.

PREPARATION FOR NEEDLE BIOPSY OF PROSTATE

*** No aspirin products are to be taken for 7-10 days before the biopsy ***

1. There are no dietary restrictions on the day of the procedure.
2. A Fleets enema should be taken two hours before the visit. Buy the enema at any drug store and follow the instructions on the package.
3. Start taking an antibiotic the day before the biopsy ...(we'll supply the prescription)