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FACTSHEET

BLADDER BIOPSY

Preparing for the Procedure:

A bladder biopsy is done during a cystoscopy in order to obtain a tissue sample from the lining of the inside of the bladder. During the cystoscopy, your doctor will pass a small forceps through the cystoscope in order to obtain the tissue sample (no incision is made in the skin). It is not painful, and usually takes about 15 to 20 minutes. It is usually done using only local anesthetic, but some cases may require sedation or deeper anesthesia (ask your doctor).

Preparing for the Procedure:

The preparation for a bladder biopsy is similar to that for a cystoscopy. Additionally, your doctor may ask you to stop taking blood-thinning medications for a few days prior to your procedure.

After the Procedure:

You may experience temporary burning and possibly a small amount of blood in the urine. Don't be alarmed - these will usually clear within 24 hours.

If you develop fever, chills, or heavy bleeding, notify your doctor immediately.