

Computed tomography (CT) guided biopsy or drainage of fluid

You are coming for an computed tomography guided procedure.

How to prepare for the procedure?

- The procedure requires both rest and post-monitoring, therefore a place is reserved for you in the ward.
- You must fast from food and drink from the morning of the day of the procedure.
- Before the procedure, you should stop taking certain medicines, such as Marevan. The department will provide more detailed instructions on what medications need to be stopped.
- Blood tests- P-INR, platelets and haemoglobin- are taken before the procedure. You will receive instructions on this from the department.
- Jewellery and watches should be removed from the area to be examined.

If you are or think you may be pregnant, please inform the performing Radiology unit before the examination.

How is the procedure done?

During the procedure, you are lying still on your back on the x-ray table. The examination position is designed to be as comfortable as possible.

Before the biopsy or drainage of fluid is made, images are taken of the region of interest. The skin is washed with an antiseptic and the injection site is anesthetized under local anesthesia. The procedure is performed by a Radiologist.

How long does the procedure take?

The procedure takes altogether 30-60 minutes.

What about after the procedure?

After the procedure, you will be transported in a supine position to the ward for post-monitoring. Bed rest is required after the procedure for 1-6 hours, however you can eat and drink in bed with your head raised. Sometimes after the procedure, follow up X-rays may be taken.

Where do you get the results from the procedure?

The referring outpatient clinic is responsible for communicating the results and possible follow-up of the examination to you.