

Lung Biopsy

Risks and side effects

Complications are rare during this procedure however you should be informed of the possible risks and side effects.

Risks associated with this procedure include:

- Pain or discomfort at the needle insertion site, bruising after the procedure, bleeding at the site, injury to a blood vessel (which may require a blood transfusion), organ puncture, or infection.
- There is a very small possibility that the needle may come into contact with the lung causing a pneumothorax. This is usually small and requires only observation with no medical action. Very rarely, hospital admittance will be required to have a tube inserted to re-inflate the lung.
- The medications used for conscious sedation are associated with the risks of aspiration (inhaling food or liquid into the lungs), or respiratory and/or cardiac depression.
- The sample collected may have non-diagnostic material which may require further investigations. Any medical procedure can potentially be associated with unpredictable risks.

If you experience any side effects please call us on **6382 3888** or contact your GP.

If you are still concerned and it is after hours please contact your nearest Emergency Department.

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