

LIVER BIOPSY INSTRUCTIONS

7 DAYS BEFORE: DO NOT TAKE PLAVIX, AGGRENOX, VITAMIN E AND/OR ANY NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY MEDICATIONS (see “Products that may thin your blood”) Tylenol or acetaminophen products are OK to use.

5 DAYS BEFORE: DISCONTINUE COUMADIN.

24 HOURS BEFORE: DISCONTINUE HEPARIN AND LOVENOX.
Notify your primary care physician you are doing this.

FOR YOUR COMFORT, PLEASE WEAR COMFORTABLE CLOTHES. DO NOT WEAR PANTYHOSE, GIRDLES, HIGH-HEELED SHOES, TIGHT BELTS OR WAISTBANDS.

NOTHING BY MOUTH (INCLUDING WATER) AFTER MIDNIGHT, THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR PROCEDURE.

YOU WILL BE OBSERVED IN OUR RECOVERY ROOM FOR 4-6 HOURS AFTER YOUR LIVER BIOPSY. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU BRING A WALKMAN OR BOOK TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED DURING THIS TIME.

YOUR DRIVER WILL NEED TO CHECK IN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO BE RELEASED, YOU WILL BE TAKEN TO YOUR CAR IN A WHEELCHAIR. WE CANNOT RELEASE YOU WITHOUT A DRIVER PRESENT.
