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PREPARATION FOR LIVER BIOPSY

1. Medications not to be taken before liver biopsy include: Coumadin (4 days), aspirin (one week), or arthritis pills (one week). You may take Tylenol (acetaminophen) in place of your usual arthritis or pain medications and you should take your blood pressure medicine.
2. Do not eat or drink when you get up in the morning.
3. Have someone drive you to Providence St. Peter Hospital as you will not be allowed to drive home.
4. Report to the admitting desk in the south lobby and let them know you are being admitted for the day to the Short Stay Unit.
5. You may or may not be directed to go to the Lab at the hospital.
6. The procedure requires that you stay in bed, therefore, you might want to bring reading material.
7. You will be discharged approximately 4-6 hours after your procedure.
8. You will be given written discharge instructions regarding activities and when to remove the bandage.
9. A representative of the Radiology Department at Providence St. Peter Hospital will contact you to schedule your procedure. Contact our office if you have not heard from them within 10 days.

Contact your physician/physician assistant at (360) 413-8250 if you have any unanswered questions about your procedure.

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