Prep for CT Guided Biopsy, PRT, or Drainage

- 1) You must bring in
 - Your prescription/ order from your doctor.
 - Current labs.
 - Prior CT and/or MRI images filmed or on CD.

To our CT department to be reviewed by our radiologist for approval before a procedure can be scheduled. Labs need to include PT, PTT, and INR usually included in a Coagulation Panel. Documents can be faxed to (626) 397-2975. Upon approval exams can then be scheduled by calling (626) 397-5146.

- 2) If you are taking blood thinner or anticoagulants they may need to be suspended prior to your exam. Your will be directed by our radiologist or your doctor.
- 3) You may continue to take your medications unless directed by an M.D.
- 4) Please do not eat solid food for at least 4 hours prior to your exam. A small quantity of clear liquids is OK.
- 5) Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to exam.
- 6) Your procedure duration may last 15 to 45 minutes. Due to our high inpatient volume we apologize for any delay in your scan.

Please leave your jewelry and valuables at home. Try to wear comfortable clothing free of zippers, belts, metallic buttons or snaps. Elastic waist bands and sports bras are acceptable. Eyeglasses, dentures, false teeth, implants, and hearing aids are safe and do not need to be removed for your exam. In most cases you will be required to remove some or most of your clothing and wear a gown for the procedure. You may also be require to lay prone (face down on your stomach) for the duration of the exam. Female patients must notify their physician and the technologist if they are or think they might be pregnant for further instructions.

If you have any further questions pleas call our CT Department at (626) 397-5146.