

Before the Liver Biopsy Procedure

- **Do not eat anything for 6 hours before your procedure or drink anything for 3 hours before your biopsy.** (You may drink clear liquids such as apple juice, Gatorade, ginger ale, or water for up to 3 hours before your procedure.)
- Your doctor may give you additional instructions for this procedure. Please read them carefully.

Medication Note: Ask your doctor if and when you should stop taking your usual medications, including vitamins, over-the-counter medications, and herbal supplements.

- It is important to tell your doctor if you are taking any blood-thinning medications, such as Aspirin, Coumadin (Warfarin), Lovenox (Enoxaparin) or Plavix (Clopidogrel). Your doctor may tell you to stop taking these medications one week before your biopsy.
- If you are taking any pain medications, such as Motrin/Advil (Ibuprofen), your doctor may tell you to stop taking these medications one week before your biopsy.
- If you are diabetic, **do not take your diabetes medications on the day of your procedure** because you will not be eating (fasting).