After Your Prostate Ultrasound and Biopsy

Self-care instructions

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This handout gives self-care instructions to follow after having a prostate ultrasound and biopsy. It includes a list of symptoms that require a call to your doctor or nurse.

What to Expect

Today you had your prostate ultrasound and biopsy. After these procedures:

- It is normal to have some discomfort in your rectal area and at the base of your penis.
- It is normal to have some blood in your urine and stool for 1 week.
- For some patients, blood in the urine may last for up to 1 month.

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To avoid problems, please follow these instructions:

- Take all your antibiotics as prescribed. Do **not** skip a dose.
- Drink more fluids for the next 1 or 2 days. Extra fluids will help keep blood clots from forming in your urine.
- Limit your activity, especially strenuous activity, for 24 hours. After that, you can resume your normal activities. If the amount of blood in your urine increases after resuming your normal activity, limit your activities for 2 more days.
- Do not ejaculate for 3 days if possible. After 3 days, you may see some blood in your semen, or your semen may be a different color than usual. This is normal and can last a few weeks or even a few months.

Take all the medications you were prescribed. Do not skip any doses!

When to Call

Call us **right away** at 206.668.5215 if you have:

- Burning or discomfort when you urinate
- Chills or fever over 101°F (38.3°C) at any time
- A large amount of blood or blood clots in your urine that make it hard to urinate
- A large amount of blood in your stool
- Any problems urinating
- Severe pain

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

Northwest Hospital General Urology Clinic: Call 206.668.5215 weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

After hours and on weekends and holidays, call the same number to speak to the nurse. For urgent issues, the Urology doctor on call may be paged.