## AFTER YOUR PROSTATE BIOPSY

There are rarely any severe after effects from a prostate biopsy. But there are some things to consider:

* You may feel mild discomfort at the site of the biopsy. It shouldn’t last long and can be treated with your usual pain medication.
* Some men notice blood in their urine, semen, or stools after a prostate biopsy, although serious bleeding is rare.
* Unless your doctor has indicated differently, you should be able to resume your normal activities immediately.
* In rare cases, you may develop a hematoma, which is caused by an injury to the wall of a blood vessel. This may cause a collection of blood outside of a blood vessel. Symptoms of a hematoma include headache, confusion, seizures, back pain, loss of bladder or bowel control or pain in the peritoneal area. If any of these occur, please call our office.
* If for any reason you develop a fever, chills, sweats or severe pain within 36 hours after the procedure, this could indicate the presence of a serious infection and you should telephone our office immediately.
* Occasionally, a few drops of blood may be noticed in the urine, stool and/or semen after biopsy. This would not be considered abnormal unless it persists for several days after the procedure. Serious bleeding is rare. Blood or discoloration of the semen may persist for 2 to 4 weeks.

## COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

* Is it all right to have a bowel movement following my prostate biopsy? ***Yes. Having a bowel movement is not dangerous and should not be painful.***
* Will the prostate biopsy affect me sexually? ***No. There will be no after effects of the biopsy that will change your sexual ability or enjoyment. Your semen may contain some blood for a while, but this is not harmful to you or to your partner.***
* How can I have a prostate problem if I have no symptoms? ***Prostate problems often do not cause symptoms in their early stages. Treatment is far more likely to be successful during this “silent” stage, so it is important to make the diagnosis now.***
* When will the results of my biopsy be available? ***The pathologists will report their findings to my office within four or five business days. If you have not heard from us by 7 days, please call.***